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AUGUSTUS L. STONE.

In the book entitled "Prominent Men of the Great West," published in Chicago in 1894, is found the following biographical history of Augustus L. Stone, the subject of this article. It was written by L. J. Gage, at that time president of the First National Bank of Chicago and afterwards secretary of the United States treasury under President McKinley. The acquaintance of the two mentioned parties was formed in Rome, New York, while A. L. Stone was attending the academy there.

"Augustus Lisbon Stone, son of Aaron and Amanda (Parsons) Stone, was born in Camden, New York, June 8, 1836. On the paternal side his ancestors came from London, England, in 1635, and settled at what is now Cambridge, Massachusetts, near Boston. The locality is yet known as the Stone farm. The David Stone of that family who shouldered his musket and marched to Lexington on that 19th day of April, 1775, to repel the British troops, and fight the first battle of the American Revolution, was a direct ancestor of our Augustus Lisbon Stone.

"His mother's family, the Parsons, came from Oxfordshire, England, with William Pynchon in 1631, and with him founded the first colony at Springfield, Massachusetts. The motto, 'Haud Unquam Cedo,' inscribed upon the scroll of the Parsons coat of arms, which was bestowed by Charles I, indicates a family characteristic which was displayed in the New England descendants through successive generations.

"The Stone family, including Aaron Stone and his wife, moved from New England to the new settlement at McConnellsville, New York, which was so named by Isaac Stone, its first postmaster, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch. The family afterwards moved to Camden, five miles farther on, which was a more promising locality. Aaron and Amanda Stone had

three children, of whom Josiah Parsons Stone and Augustus Lisbon Stone survived.

"The two boys attended the village schools and worked hard to help their parents, and their parents strained every energy to give both their sons a good education. The village printing office, which issued a weekly paper, attracted the boys, and there they worked at odd hours, earning pocket money and adding much to their early education by their association with journalistic work.

"The oldest son, Josiah P. Stone, worked his way through college and was admitted to practice law, which he did until the commencement of the war, when his patriotism impelled him to enter into the struggle. He raised a company of volunteers, went into service as captain, and fought with great gallantry until killed in the memorable siege of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864.

"Augustus Lisbon Stone followed somewhat in the same line, working and attending school, finally at the academy in Rome, New York. While in his academic course, he was called home at seventeen years of age to help his father, whom President Pierce had appointed postmaster. Here for eight years he labored in the store and postoffice combined, and for the first time in the history of his own family the accumulation of property began. During these and after years he studied, sometimes employing tutors, but generally unaided. He has substantially educated himself, well and liberally. His library, which is exceptionally large, is of decided merit in educational lines. In 1864 he wedded Kittie Angell, of Pulaski, New York, who is a lineal descendant of Roger Williams and of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. The family of Hempstead, of Hempstead, Long Island, is her ancestral origin. Four children were born to them, two of whom survive, Martha Anna and Ruby Elizabeth, Kittie Parsons having died in infancy and Katie Angell at the age of seven years.

"In 1870 Mr. Stone founded, with his cousin, A. G. Smith, the banking house of Stone & Smith in Clinton, Iowa. A singleness of purpose, a desire to make the bank a thoroughly reliable and substantial institution, impelled him at every solicitation to decline place in public and political life, believing his bank should be distinctive and separate from associated individuality in its officers. Notwithstanding his rule, occasions have demanded, and he has accepted, places of trust. He accepted the office of mayor of the municipality where he lives, having a unanimous vote. In educational affairs he has been honored by election several times to the directory, without opposition. He has been vestryman for many years in the Episcopal church. In various cor-

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porations he has place in boards of directors. The Stone & Smith Bank resolved into the City National Bank in 1880, and is the largest in business and strength in the section where located. He has been its president since its organization.

"Mr. Stone is a good representative of the class of men who have redeemed what was but a short time back a vast wilderness, and turned it into fair cities and fertile farms. The distinguishing traits of his ancestors early showed themselves in his character. His undaunted determination to obtain an education, even under the most adverse circumstances, being the same spirit that enabled the early Pilgrims to conquer the stubborn rocks and hills of New England. This has been characteristic of the man during his entire life. Careful, energetic, and a capable business man, he enters into an enterprise only after mature deliberation, but once he has undertaken to accomplish an object, he pushes steadily on, overcoming all obstacles until his work is crowned with success. Throughout Iowa he is known and respected, while his reputation as a careful and capable financier reaches far beyond the boundaries of his home state. To him and to others of similar character the West owes much of her present greatness and prosperity. L. J. G."

The above biography stops at 1894. Of the two surviving children, Martha Anna married F. B. Burbank and moved to Sioux City, where she died. Ruby Elizabeth married Roscoe W. Armstrong and lives in Ringwood (Clinton); one child has been born to them and is named Roscoe Whalen Armstrong, Jr., and is nearly one year old now (December 1, 1910).

Mr. Stone retired from the banking business in 1901 and is now president of the Stone-Cook Lumber Company in Clinton and Low Moor, Iowa, of which Robert Hall, of Low Moor, is vice-president and J. B. Smoller, of Clinton, is secretary. The Park Falls (Wisconsin) Cedar Company is composed of F. P. Stone, Wausau, president, A. L. Stone, vice-president, and S. H. Cook, secretary and manager.

CHANCY LAMB.

One of the most significant memorials that any man can have, is the memory, by those who know him, of courtesy, thoughtfulness for others and kindness shown in every-day life to those with whom he came in contact.

Such a memorial has Chancy Lamb, of Clinton, Iowa, who died July 12, 1897, at the ripe age of eighty-one years, after a lifetime of unusual usefulness and after having achieved material success as well as being crowned with the blessings that a life such as his so richly deserves.

Mr. Lamb was a descendant of Thomas Lamb, who came from England with Governor Winthrop's fleet in 1630 and settled at Roxbury, Massachusetts. Chancy Lamb was born January 4, 1816, at Ticonderoga, Essex county, New York, and there spent his early years. When still a mere lad, he performed the duties of a man for several years, working on his father's farm. He attended school a few weeks during the winter, which was about the only opportunity he had for acquiring a limited education. Later he worked for two years in a sawmill on Lake George, near Ticonderoga, at a place called Hague. The mill was owned by the Balcom family. In 1836 the young man went to Benton, Yates county, New York, where he learned the trade of a millwright. The next three years were spent working in a sawmill at Bradford, Steuben county, New York. His experience as a millwright and sawyer fitted him to take charge of the construction of a sawmill on the outlet of Lake Keuka, near Penn Yan, New York, for R. L. Chapman, in the summer of 1841. Upon the completion of the mill the following year, Mr. Lamb operated it under contract for the owner. In November, 1842, he returned to Bradford, where he took a contract to run a sawmill for Cameron, Thurman & Company, and continued with this firm in the capacity of superintendent until the summer of 1844, when he moved to Carroll county, Illinois. Mr. Lamb was one of several men of family who migrated to this western territory and located in what is yet known as the Bailey settlement, Argo, about ten miles from Savannah and eighteen miles from Clinton, Iowa. He spent about six years in farming and stock raising in the growing settlement. In those days wheat was hauled in wagons to Chicago and supplies were obtained from that young metropolis.

But farm life was not to the liking of Mr. Lamb, and he saw more opportunities in the lumber business. So, in 1851, he left the Bailey settlement and went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he became superintendent of the mill operations of J. C. Cameron & Company, and in the following year operated the mills of the company in Chemung county, New York, sawing by the thousand. He spent three and one-half years in charge of the Rig Flats mill, and at the expiration of that period he went to Canada with a man named Curtis, with whom he entered into partnership, the firm building a mill at Barrie, near Toronto. At the end of a year and a half Mr. Lamb

sold out to his partner and returned to the west, and for a few months was a resident of Fulton, Illinois.

Mr. Lamb had spent the better part of his life up to this time in sawmilling, and he chose this as his vocation. He seized an opportunity to buy a small lumber yard and sawmill at Clinton, Iowa, operated by Gray & Lunt. Upon coming into possession of the property Mr. Lamb rebuilt the mill, which was the first modern plant in Clinton and was located at the point where the Chicago & Northwestern railway crosses the Mississippi river. This mill was burned October 6, 1857, and the owner proceeded to replace it with a more complete plant about two blocks south of the original site. The new mill had as its equipment two gangs, a mulay and circular, and a shingle and lath mill, and was one of the best equipped on the Mississippi river. Mr. Lamb conducted the business under his own name until 1864, when he took his oldest son, Artemus, into partnership, the firm name being changed to C. Lamb & Son. In March, 1868, the foundation of a stone sawmill was laid, and this mill began operation in September of the same year.

C. Lamb & Son bought an interest in the Cobb mill property at Riverside, a surburb of Clinton, in the winter of 1868 and organized a firm styled Lamb, Byng & Company, composed of themselves, S. B. Gardiner, S. W. Gardiner and John Byng. Four years later this firm secured the sawmill of Wheeler & Warner, which was located a short distance below the Cobb mill in Clinton. The Lamb concern became known as C. Lamb & Sons in 1874, by Lafayette Lamb, a son of Chancy Lamb, being taken in as a partner. In the spring of 1877 C. Lamb & Sons took over the interests of S. B. and S. W. Gardiner and John Byng in Lamb, Byng & Company, and in January, 1878, C. Lamb & Sons was incorporated, with Chancy Lamb, president, Lafayette Lamb, vice-president, and Artemus Lamb, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Lamb is believed to have been the first manufacturer to employ the band mill in sawing white pine. In 1883, having heard band mills were in use in Indiana and Tennessee for sawing hardwood veneering and making poplar lumber, he investigated and then purchased a London, Berry & Orton sawmill which took the place of a circular in one of the four Clinton mills. The innovation was a success, and later another mill was equipped with a band saw.

The mechanical instinct was largely developed in Mr. Lamb, and he was the inventor of several appliances which are in general use today. One of these inventions was an edger with movable saws by which the width of boards being sawed could be changed while the mill was in full operation.

He also invented a trimmer for the trimming of boards to any length, and it is a matter of local history that he used a bull chain, or endless chain, in hauling logs out of the river before this device was heard of by anyone else in that locality. He designed, for one of the Lamb mills, a friction log turner, and after it had been in successful use for a long time Mr. Lamb learned that the patent office had termed it a "nigger" and had deemed the invention of such importance as to invest it with letters patent. The Lambs were the first to depart from the crude methods of towing logs and to operate a fleet of steamers.

When the company sawed its last log at Clinton, October 26, 1904, Mr. Lamb and his sons during the life of the operations had manufactured and put upon the market more than three billion feet of white pine lumber, not including the production of shingles, lath and pickets.

Mr. Lamb married Jane Bevier at Bradford, New York, November 16, 1839. She was the daughter of David Bevier, who had served as an adjutant of the Third Ulster County (New York) Regiment in the Revolutionary war. She was a faithful partner of her husband for fifty-eight years, during which time two sons, Artemus and Lafayette, and four daughters, Augusta, Celeste, Merrette and Emma E., were born. Three of these children are living, Lafayette Lamb, Mrs. Augusta Ware and Mrs. Emma E. Young. Mrs. Lamb died March 5, 1897. In her death the poor lost a sympathetic friend who never turned a deaf ear to their appeals.

Mr. Lamb was a member of no social organization, except the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was Whig in his early life, and in 1840 cast his first vote for Harrison, later in life becoming a Republican. He attended the Presbyterian church and gave liberally to its support and to charities, and he did much for the general upbuilding of his community and was held in high esteem by all classes owing to his exemplary life.

MARTIN MASON.

One of the successful and thrifty farmers of western Clinton county is Martin Mason, who is a worthy son of a worthy sire, representing a sterling old Norweigan family, long prominent and influential in the affairs of this locality. Owing to the fact that his father was a man of such industry and

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integrity, the major part of this sketch will be devoted to his career, which has now been closed by the hand of death.

Martin Mason was born in Clinton county November 24, 1874, and is the son of Peter and Serena (Severson) Mason. The father was born in March, 1844, in Norway, and was the son of Madson and Madila (Peterson) Madson, both born in Norway, from which country they came to America in 1871, direct to Clinton county, Iowa, locating in Olive township, two miles west of Calamus, where the father lived until his death, after which event his widow moved to Hamilton county, Iowa, where her death occurred.

Peter Mason was educated in Norway and grew to maturity there. He came to America in 1866 and located at Lisbon, Illinois, working on a railroad there, then followed threshing and later farming, and about 1868 he came to Olive township, Clinton county, Iowa, and took up farming. He was a good manager and a hard worker and accumulated a handsome competence, becoming the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, on which he placed excellent improvements and had a substantial and attractive home. He was unaided in his life work and always relied upon himself. He became well known throughout the western part of Clinton county and was highly respected and influential.

Peter Mason married, in 1872, Serena Severson, who was born in Norway and who came to America in 1866 and located in Clinton county, Iowa, having been accompanied by her sister. To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mason the following children were born: Martin, Albert S., Eli J., H. M., Lars J. (deceased), Peter, Jr., and Ida Inger (deceased).

Martin Mason was educated in the home schools and while a young man went to the far West, spending five and one-half years in Oregon, working on a farm in that state. Returning to Iowa, he worked on a farm in Webster county three years. With these exceptions, he has lived on the homestead in Clinton county. He has been very successful in the management of this place, operating one hundred and eighteen acres, thirty-eight acres being of the old home place. The rest he has added subsequently. He has made extensive and valuable improvements on the place, erecting substantial, modern and convenient buildings, fences, etc. In 1906 he erected the first cement farm house ever built in the township. He has beautified his place in many ways. He carries on general farming and stock raising, giving all his attention to the same.

Martin Mason was married on April 18, 1901, to Anna Maria Christiansen, daughter of Peter Christiansen and wife, a full sketch of whom appears

elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mason these children have been born: Ida Alice, Leonard John, Madila Cecilia and Clara Josephine.

The Mason family are faithful members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Politically, Mr. Mason is a Republican, but neither he nor his father ever cared for public office.

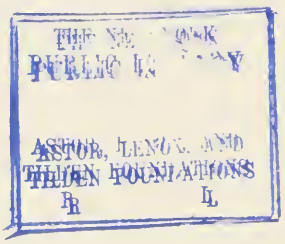
JOHN MEINTS.

One of that large horde of thrifty citizens from the loved and famed fatherland who have done such a commendable work in developing the great resources of Clinton county, Iowa, is John Meints, a thrifty farmer and stock raiser of Orange township, who has won an excellent landed estate and cozy home, also a position of honor in his community, because he has worked along proper lines. He therefore deserves his success, as will be seen by a perusal of a brief history of his very busy career.

Mr. Meints was born in Germany July 3, 1862, and is the son of Claus Meints, who is mentioned at some length in the sketch of Christ Meints. But it might be said here that he was always regarded as an honest, industrious citizen, who took much pains in rearing his family to the same habits and principles that had always actuated his course.

John Meints was educated in Germany, where he grew to maturity and being still young when he came to the United States, he also attended school here. He accompanied his parents to our shores in 1875 and located south of Grand Mound, Clinton county, Iowa. He assisted in developing the homestead there, and he has always been a farmer and a very successful one, too. He started in life with but little capital and he has never been helped overmuch, but he is now the owner of one of the finest farms in Orange township, consisting of two hundred and forty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and has enriched the fields so that the original strength of the soil is retained and abundant harvests reaped from year to year. In 1900 he put up a modern dwelling, beautifully located and attractive from an architectural viewpoint and equipped with modern appliances. He carries on general farming and is a breeder of good live stock. He takes an interest in local affairs and is at present secretary of the school board in Orange township, having very ably filled this position for the past twelve years.

Mr. Meints has been secretary of the German Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company for the past fourteen years; he has also been secretary of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of this county, since its organization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JOHN MEINTS AND FAMILY

in 1900, and he has filled both these positions in a manner that reflects much credit upon his innate ability and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Meints was married in 1887 to Catherine Kuehl, who was born in Germany and who came to the United States when a child with her parents and located in Olive township, Clinton county, Iowa, where she was reared and educated and where her parents became well established and the family very favorably known. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Hulda, Tiene, Anna, Catherine, Henry, Carl, Selma; John died in infancy; Herbert and Ralph. Mrs. Meints' father, Claus Kuehl, died January 13, 1908, and her mother passed away on September 3, 1907, both being buried at the Buena Vista cemetery, this county.

Mr. Meints and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. Politically, he is a Democrat, but votes independently, especially in local affairs.

The first six years of his married life were spent in Boxbutte county, Nebraska, where Mr. Meints homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. While living there he served as county commissioner and held various other offices, having been elected by the People's party. Before his marriage he traveled extensively, and, being by nature a keen observer, he has been broadened in this manner and is a well informed man. He has never been an office seeker in the true sense of the word. For the past seventeen years he has made his home in Orange township, Clinton county, Iowa.

JAMES C. BENEDICT.

The invention which did the most for the progress of the human race was the alphabet, which enabled people to record their thoughts and deeds in permanent form, the one which has been scarcely second in its effect to the invention of the alphabet was that of the art of printing, which enabled those permanently recorded thoughts to be many times duplicated and scattered about over the world, for the instruction of others. The first invention made progress possible; the second accelerated the general purpose of the masses of mankind and saved learning and science from the sole possession of only a few favored few. Mr. Benedict has spent the greater portion of his life in the work of printing, aiding in a practical and definite way in the communication of thought and the dissemination of knowledge.

James C. Benedict was born in Linn county, Iowa, on December 12, 1844,

the son of Lyman D. and Sarepta (Minter) Benedict. His father was a native of Chenango county, Ohio, his mother of London, Ohio, where they were married shortly before they came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1841. Lyman Benedict was a farmer by occupation, in politics, first a Whig, later an Abolitionist, and finally a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church, took an active part, and were very much respected and esteemed. Of their nine children, four are living.

James C. Benedict was reared on a Linn county farm, attended the public schools and the high school at Marion, Iowa. He began the printer's trade in the office of the *Marion Register*, at Marion, Iowa, and became so expert that he soon was made foreman of the shop. In 1861 he went to California, and spent four years there working at his trade, during which time he became well acquainted with Mark Twain, then almost unknown to the world, whom he first met at Virginia City. Mr. Benedict returned from California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, at the time that the French nation was preparing to dig the canal. During his western stay he had gained experiences of great value and passed through many interesting events. On his return he located at Marengo, Iowa, and there was the proprietor of the *Progressive Republican*. In 1871 he came to De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, entered the *Observer* office as foreman, and continued in that capacity for thirty-seven years. He then became a partner in the paper with S. H. Shoemaker, but soon sold his interest to Ed. C. Brown, and engaged in job printing at De Witt, where he has since been in business. Mr. Benedict is without doubt the oldest printer in Iowa. In politics he is a Republican, and takes an active interest in both local and national issues. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Brotherhood of America, and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and in all of these orders has filled the principal offices. He is also a member of the Rebekahs. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Mr. Benedict was married in 1855 to Elizabeth O'Mullen, of Marengo, Iowa, by whom he became the father of one daughter, Henrietta, who married E. F. Gerkin, of Cedar Falls, Iowa. His wife died in 1871 and he was married in 1872 to Sarah Adam Rose, of De Witt, by whom he had two children, Elizabeth Rose, the wife of C. G. Morton, of De Witt, and Ruth M., who married Rev. H. B. Garrett, and is now deceased.

Mr. Benedict is active and hearty, advancing age having laid its hands lightly on him. He can look back over a life well spent and full of good works, has many friends, and expects to enjoy many more years of life.

ADOLPH JAENICKE, M. D.

European medical schools have always held a higher reputation than those of this country, and deservedly, though our schools are increasing in efficiency. The subject of this sketch had the advantage of the best German medical education and is thus the possessor of a better professional training than the majority of American physicians. To this he has added the experience gained in long years of practice, and these, combined with his native ability, sufficiently account for his high professional standing. He has followed carefully the progress of modern advances in this most useful of professions and is thoroughly up-to-date in his knowledge of medical science. And, fully recognizing the value of his German training, he has caused his son to receive a similar course in a prominent German medical school, thus giving him every advantage at the beginning of his career.

Adolph Jaenicke was born in East Prussia, Germany, February 13, 1854, son of August and Lina Jaenicke. His parents are natives of Prussia, and his father died there about 1898. His mother is still living. August Jaenicke was in the employ of the German government, and held a responsible position for many years. He was the father of three children, of whom two are living.

Adolph Jaenicke was educated at Koenigsburg, in the University of Wurzburg, and graduated in the class of 1878. He practiced in his native country for four years, then in 1882 came to America and located at Davenport, Iowa, until 1895, when he came to Clinton, and has since practiced. He has given his whole attention to his practice and his profession, to which he is much devoted. He is a member of the Iowa State and Clinton County Medical Societies, and takes a prominent part in all professional activities.

Doctor Jaenicke was married in Germany to Katharine Hahn, who has borne to him two sons, Kurt, born April 30, 1883, and Ralph, born June 15, 1885. Kurt graduated in medicine from the University of Iowa in 1905, spent two years in Europe as a student at Berlin, and is associated with his father in practice. He is a member of the Iowa State and Clinton County Medical Associations, of which latter he is the president. Ralph is a registered pharmacist and lives in Davenport. He married Mina Miller, of Burlington, Iowa.

Doctor Jaenicke is a physician of the highest standing and reputation and is also personally one of the best liked men in his community. Able and intelligent, devoted to his profession, he has been well rewarded for the time spent in its pursuit.

SIMON SHOECRAFT.

The biographer is always glad when it falls to his lot to review the life of a man whose history is at once as interesting and instructive as that of the one whose name heads this article, a business man who has won success by strict integrity and who has applied in his daily life the principles of the Christian religion. He has had a life of varied experience and has seen his share of hardships, but has overcome them and has brought to the later years of his life a philosophy of living which is not new, which has satisfied him and which he believes will satisfy others.

Simon Shoecraft was born in Oswego county, New York, September 22, 1836, the son of Joseph and Lany (Calkins) Shoecraft. His paternal grandfather was Peter Shoecraft, who lived and died in New York, he and his wife dying when Simon was very young. They were Germans who came very early to Herkimer county, New York, and afterwards removed to Oswego county.

Joseph Shoecraft was born in Herkimer county, grew up on the farm, served in the war of 1812, and made farming his lifelong occupation. His wife was a native of the same county. He took a prominent part in local politics, but was never an office seeker. Of his sixteen children, nine sons and seven daughters, four sons and one daughter are surviving in 1910; Henry, living in New York, aged eighty-five; Francis, aged about eighty; William, about seventy-six; and Simon; Virilla, widow of J. W. Caldwell.

Simon Shoecraft was educated in the country schools of New York, attending them until fourteen. An older brother had worked on the farm until twenty-one, then, without a dollar to start, worked his way through college. Returning, he persuaded his parents to allow Simon to attend school at Oneida, where he prepared for Cazenovia Seminary, from which he graduated in 1858, and then came to Clinton, Iowa. He taught school one year at De Witt, then attended Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and graduated there in 1862. While there he sawed wood to pay his tuition, and in summer worked in the harvest fields and wherever he could find something to do. At commencement in 1862, W. H. Lunt, of Clinton, who was president of the school board of that city, was looking for a teacher, and the president of Cornell recommended Mr. Shoecraft, and so he was hired to teach here and continued until April, 1866, when he entered the fuel business. Beginning in a small way, Mr. Hosford furnished the money and Mr. Shoecraft ran the business. Two years later he took up the business alone, and until his son grew up continued thus. He has been in continuous business longer than

any other in this part of the county and has been on the avenue long enough to see every house put up. His business now is very extensive. In politics he is a Republican, with independent tendencies. He is a member of no fraternities or clubs, and finds his enjoyment in his home and family.

Mr. Shoecraft was married in 1865 to Jutie C. McIntosh, daughter of L. W. and Eunice Carter McIntosh, who had come to Vernon, New York, from Connecticut, where Jutie was born. They are the parents of two children, Lucius M., in business with his father, and Letitia, who lives at home.

Mr. Shoecraft is very cheerful and a pleasant man to meet. He owns, besides his business, a thousand-acre stock farm in Jackson county, and lives in a fine residence at No. 539 Fifth avenue. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, and he is a firm believer in the religion of the Bible, and believes that if a young man will but have faith in God he cannot fail to succeed. His own faith has been justified and he has observed many others who have found it thus.

EUGENE HANSSEN.

Nothing is more marked than the change which has taken place in the farmer's situation in the last few years. At a time not more than twenty years distant, he seemed to be the most unfortunate of men and to have every man's hand against him. But what a change today. Now he is in a position of command. Circumstances have so altered that he is no longer at the mercy of the traders and transporters, but is holding the reins himself, is receiving high prices for his produce, and is becoming envied by the city dwellers because of his prosperity. Twenty years ago the banks were loaning city money to farmers on mortgages; now the banks are loaning farmers' money to city men on mortgages.

Eugene Hanssen was born in Deep Creek township, Clinton county, Iowa, December 21, 1858, a son of Otto and Fredericka (Asmussen) Hanssen, both natives of Germany, he born in 1825 and she in 1832. On July 4, 1854, they landed in New York City, after an ocean passage of eleven weeks, and located finally in Iowa, near Sabula, Jackson county, on a farm. Two years later they bought the farm on which Eugene was born, and in 1901 moved to Bryant, Iowa, where Otto Hanssen died in April, 1905, and where his widow still lives. They are the parents of fifteen children, of whom ten are living. He was a Republican in politics in earlier life, but afterward became a Democrat. He and his family were members of the Lutheran

church. He was elected assessor of Deep Creek township for many terms, and was also trustee for some time. The people of that township had great confidence in him and respected him highly.

Eugene Hanssen was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools of his township. He farmed for many years and owned one hundred sixty acres of land, which he sold and came to De Witt, in September, 1908, and from that time on has given his entire attention to the buying and selling of horses and cattle, in which business he was formerly engaged in connection with his farming. He also was engaged in stock feeding while on the farm. He is one of the stockholders and directors of the Iowa State Bank at Lyons, Iowa. In politics he is a Democrat and was elected township clerk and later tax collector of Center township. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hanssen was married on February 25, 1885, to Amelia Gradert, daughter of John Gradert, mentioned elsewhere in this work. To their union have been born five children: Walter, dead, Eugenia, dead, Irene, Florence and Clarence.

Mr. Hanssen has prospered both in his farming and in stock dealing, and has applied much practical business ability in his operations. He is popular and well liked among his neighbors, and has taken much interest in public affairs.

KELLY BROTHERS.

Among the important, thriving and enterprising manufacturing establishments of Clinton, that of Kelly Brothers takes high rank. In 1890 the Kelly brothers, J. A., W. J., T. F. and P. H., organized the J. A. Kelly & Brothers Company for the manufacture of the Kelly comfort chair, davenports and upholstered furniture. The business started as a partnership, at Second avenue and Sixth street, and in 1892 was incorporated as J. A. Kelly & Brothers and built a factory at Fifteenth street and Stockholm, employing about thirty-five men. It now employs ninety men and has gradually increased its territory from the states of Illinois and Iowa to a national extent, now selling all over the United States and doing some business in Cuba and South America. Of this company, J. A. Kelly is president; P. H. Kelly, vice-president; T. F. Kelly, secretary, and W. J. Kelly, treasurer.

The Kelly-Sorensen Company is owned and controlled by the same

people. It was organized in 1905 for the purpose of manufacturing chamber furniture, dressers, beds, commodes, dining room furniture, buffets, etc. Of this company, W. J. Kelly is president; J. A. Kelly, vice-president, and P. H. Kelly, secretary and treasurer. Both these companies are operated separately, but employ the same traveling men. The Kelly-Sorensen Company employs almost as large a regular force as the older company, and has seventy-five men on its payrolls. Both companies economize by making a saving in cost of sales, in other ways than by employing the same road force. They often ship half-car loads for each, thus saving the full hire of a car for each company. The companies have on the road five salaried men and twenty working on commission. The success of the firms has been due to two things, the superior quality of their products and the careful and economical management of the Kelly brothers, as evidenced in part by their combining largely the selling and shipping of the two companies. They are also very efficient in securing and keeping good salesmen. The two companies have had a steady, consistent growth, which if continued, as it bids fair to be, will soon bring their business to very large proportions. They have been among the most successful of the Clinton manufacturing establishments.

CECIL VINCENT CONNOLE, D. D. S.

It may be that modern conditions of living are responsible for the general poor condition of the teeth of most persons today; it may be that our ancestors had just as much trouble in the same way, but, lacking our facilities for relief and repair of those essential organs of the body, had to bear their misery unrelieved and took it as matter of course. Dentistry is a comparatively modern profession and is making progress. The dentist who graduated twenty years ago finds that the younger members of the profession can do things which were in his time believed impossible, and that teeth which the old time dentistry ruthlessly condemned are now saved, and the necessity for artificial teeth with which the earliest dentistry concerned itself, is largely being removed by repairing the remains of those which nature has given us. And while the profession is one which greatly benefits the race, it also usually gives to the one who practices it a fair monetary reward.

Cecil Vincent Connole was born in Clinton county, Iowa, January 14, 1878, son of Thomas L. and Fidelia E (Wampler) Connole. Thomas L. Connole was born in Jones county, Iowa, January 9, 1847, attended the public

schools and has been in the grocery business for about thirty-five years, at which he has been very successful. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his wife and family are Catholics. He was married to Fidelia Wampler, a native of Illinois, daughter of Peter Wampler, who spent his last days in Illinois.

Doctor Connole's paternal grandparents were Thomas and Hannah (Malone) Connole, both born in Ireland. In 1840 Thomas Connole came to Dubuque, Iowa, and his wife about the same time. They were married in Boston, Massachusetts. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and three daughters. Thomas was a farmer and died about 1898 and his wife in 1905. They were members of the Catholic church.

Cecil Connole grew up in De Witt, attended the public, high and parochial schools there, and took a classical course at St. Mary's, Kansas, and graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1901. After graduation he practiced in Chicago for about six months, then came to De Witt to practice, and has had a very successful practice here. He is a member of the Iowa State Dental Society and of the Chicago Dental Society. In politics he is an independent voter. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

Dr. Connole was married on October 12, 1909, to Dolorosa Schneider, who was born in Lyons, Iowa, daughter of John H. and Hannah (Redden) Schneider. Her father was born in New York, her mother in Iowa, and they are still residents of Lyons, Iowa.

Doctor Connole is a man who, by the agreeableness of his nature, has made many friends. His professional success has been good, and he stands well in dental circles. He is progressive and up-to-date in all matters and takes much interest in the development of the community.

REV. JOHANAS J. HEIE.

A large amount of good has been accomplished by the Rev. Johanas J. Heie, who is both a successful expounder of the gospel of the Nazarene and also a business man of no small caliber. He is a persistent, conscientious and able worker in all the relations of life and has shown what self-reliance, courage and right principles can accomplish, although in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. He was born near Burgen, Norway, in 1851, and is the son of Johanas and Christa (Nelson) Heie, both natives of Nor-

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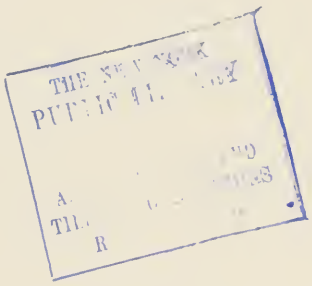

way, in which country they spent their lives, both being now deceased. The father was a farmer and his family consisted of seven children.

Johanas J. Heie lived on the home farm until he was fifteen years of age and attended the public schools under the supervision of the church. Then he went to the city of Burgen, where he worked during the day and attended night school. Later he went to Christiansund, a city north of Burgen, in 1874, and there clerked in a store one year, then emigrated to America, locating in Story county, Iowa, where he worked at various things for one year, then moved to Decora, this state, and there attended the Lutheran College for a period of four years and left that institution in 1877. He engaged in teaching for one year, later went to Tennessee, and subsequently to Indiana, then returned to Iowa, and finally went to Minnesota. In 1885 he entered the Theological Seminary at the Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated after a three-years course. He began his regular work as pastor at Dwight, Richland county, North Dakota, and remained there six years, then went to Fargo, that state, where he remained four years, then he went to the Pacific coast and preached at Portland, Oregon, for three and one-half years, and in 1900 he came to his present location, and has since been pastor of the church southeast of Calamus in Olive township, Clinton county. He also operates one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he owns here, and he has charge of forty acres which belongs to the parsonage. He carries on general farming in a very successful manner. As a minister he has done a great work wherever he has been called, strengthening and building up the congregations which he has served, and he is an earnest, forceful and faithful expounder of the gospel, being a profound student and carefully educated.

Rev. Mr. Heie was married on March 15, 1880, to Berthanna Johnson, a native of Clinton county, born and reared in this locality and educated here. She is the daughter of George and Bertha (Christensen) Johnson, early settlers in Clinton county, having come here from Norway about 1853, the father becoming an extensive farmer here. There were eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: John D., Berthanna, Christian, Elizabeth, Christanna, Bertha M. (deceased), Bertha Margaret, George, Marie, Lea (deceased), Christian. To Rev. and Mrs. Heie there were six children born: Hjalmar, Leanora, Sigurd, Swanhild, Frithgof and Johan, all being deceased, except Frithgof.

Politically, Rev. Mr. Heie is a Republican, but is liberal in his views. He takes an abiding interest in whatever tends to promote the general good of his community and county and he is always on the right side of every

public and moral question. He is one of the most influential men in the western portion of the county and is eminently deserving of the confidence and esteem that are freely accorded him. He is obliging, genial, hospitable and a man who takes a great deal of interest in young people and advocates a clean, wholesome life.

GUSTAV A. HORSTMANN.

A splendid example of the modern agriculturist is to be found in Gustav A. Horstmann, of the vicinity of Toronto, Liberty township, Clinton county, a man who holds high rank among the progressive citizens of the community in which he resides and whose interests he has ever had at heart and sought to promote in whatever manner possible, for he realized the duties of true citizens early in life and has never shirked his duties in this connection, well knowing that to promote the general good meant also the advancement of his individual interests.

Mr. Horstmann was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on July 14, 1868, and he is the son of Frederick and Dorothy Horstmann, the father a native of Holstein, Germany, his birth having occurred on December 30, 1836; the mother was also born in Germany, on April 27, 1844. There they grew to maturity and were educated in the common schools. The father emigrated to the United States in 1866, coming west to Cedar county, Iowa, later moving to Scott county. He was a man of thrift and in due course of time became well established in the land of his adoption. His family consisted of five children, four of whom are living. Frederick Horstmann farmed until 1891, in which year he moved to Wheatland and there spent the remainder of his days, his birth occurring on July 3, 1909, and that of his wife on November 11, 1901. He was a very successful farmer and business man, and owned a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres. He started in life with practically nothing, but he was a man of indomitable courage and succeeded by his own efforts. Owing to his exemplary life, he had the good will of all who knew him. In politics he was a Democrat and was at one time justice of the peace, holding this office in a very creditable manner for a number of years; he was also school director for a number of years.

Gustav A. Horstmann was reared on the home farm, and when but a lad he was put to work in the fields, assisting with the crops during the summer months and attending the public schools in the winter time. He took up farming as a life work and has been very successful, now owning

two hundred and forty acres, well improved in every respect and under a high state of cultivation, on which stand a beautifully located and cozy dwelling and a splendid group of outbuildings, in the midst of forest and fruit trees. On the place may be seen at all seasons various grades of good live stock which form no small part of his annual income, for he understands well the handling of stock and their raising and marketing. This is the old homestead, which he has taken a delight in keeping up as did his worthy father before him, carrying on general farming in a manner that stamps him as a worthy son of a worthy sire.

Politically, Mr. Horstmann is a Democrat, and he has been one of the trustees of Liberty township for the past twelve years; he is now holding the office of secretary of the local school board, having filled this position with satisfaction for the past six years, taking an abiding interest in educational and all local affairs and ready at all times to do his full share in promoting the general good.

Mr. Horstmann was married in 1891 to Alwiene Bielfeldt, a native of Germany and the daughter of Jocum and Maria (Alwiene) Bielfeldt, who emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, in an early day, the father dying at Wheatland in 1902; the mother survives, and is making her home in Davenport, Iowa. They were always very highly respected wherever they cast their lot, being people of industry and honesty. To Mr. and Mrs. Horstmann four children have been born, Fred, Walter, Lillie and Leonard. The Horstmann family has always stood high in the social life of Liberty township.

GEORGE WILLIAM DULANY, JR.

The chief characteristics of George William Dulany, Jr., a prominent business man of Clinton, Iowa, seem to be keenness of perception, a tireless energy, honesty of purpose and motive and everyday common sense, which have enabled him not only to advance his own interests, but also to contribute to the moral and material advancement of the community.

Mr. Dulany was born in Ft. Scott, Kansas, July 11, 1877, and he is the son of George William and Fannie (Williams) Dulany. They were both born in Missouri and were married in Ft. Scott, Kansas, whither the elder Dulany had gone when but a young man for the purpose of engaging in the retail lumber business, and Fannie Williams had accompanied her parents there when a young girl. Remaining in Ft. Scott a few years, these parents

returned to Hannibal, Missouri, where Mr. Dulany continued to engage in the lumber business and where they still reside. He has been associated with his father in the lumber business since before the Civil war, the father, W. H. Dulany, having been born in Howard county, Missouri, in 1818, his parents, the great-grandparents of the subject, having had the distinction of coming to Missouri with the Daniel Boone party in the early pioneer days. These two gentlemen, father and son, with the grandfather's brothers, engaged in the lumber business in Hannibal very extensively in the early days, this city having been for many years the distributing point for Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska and the Middle West. The timber and lumber were shipped down from the north, principally towed on the Mississippi river, and many millions of feet of the same passed the city of Clinton en route to Hannibal. Members of this family in the meantime became identified with the mills in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Washington. While the family still live in Hannibal, they have not conducted any active business there since 1898. They became known throughout the Mississippi valley in connection with the lumber business and became prosperous in this line.

In 1894, George W. Dulany, Jr., of this review, organized in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Eclipse Lumber Company, where the general offices were maintained until June 1, 1910, when they moved them to Clinton, Iowa, making the main office nearer the branch offices, which are located in Iowa and southern Minnesota. The Dulanys also purchased the old and well established lumber interests here of C. Lamb & Sons, held at that time by Ingwersen-Borbeck & Company.

George W. Dulany, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Hannibal, Missouri, later attended Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and finally Yale University, from which institution he was graduated in 1898.

Young Dulany enlisted in the United States navy and served with much credit on the "Minnesota" during the war with Spain. The "Minnesota" did principally patrol duty as a part of the north Atlantic squadron, defending the coast of New England. He enlisted as common seaman and rose to the rank of second class quartermaster. In 1899 he entered the employ of the Empire Lumber Company, building for them a railway through the woods of northern Wisconsin. He was next engaged in the lumber and grain business at Winona, Minnesota, until 1903, when he moved to Minneapolis and shortly afterwards organized the Eclipse Lumber Company, already mentioned.

Mr. Dulany seems to have inherited his business genius from his antecedents and, judging by the splendid record he has made in the past, the future holds much of promise in his chosen field of endeavor. He has rare

foresight, analytical ability and is by nature an organizer and promotor and he is a man of straightforward principles and persistent energy. Personally he is a good mixer, unassuming, genial and uniformly courteous.

Until recent years the Dulanys were Democrats, but now the subject is independent, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems most worthy of the office sought, rather than for the party. Fraternally he belongs to the Winona Consistory, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belonged to a college fraternity, and he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, some of his ancestors having fought in the patriot army.

Mr. Dulany was married on August 25, 1901, to Catherine McDonnell, a lady of culture and refinement and the representative of a prominent old family of Evanston, Illinois. This union has been graced by the birth of one son, George William, the third.

FRED W. MITCHELL.

The editor of a country paper, to properly fill his position, must be a man whose wisdom should exceed that of Solomon. He must be able to discuss all the leading questions of the day; equally should know how to cure ailing poultry or to prescribe for freckles. The work of his paper is not specialized as is that of the city paper and the editor must bear the greater burden, sometimes combining the functions of reporter, editor, compositor and pressman. His mission is to keep the citizens of the community informed of the doings of each other and of the outside world, but pre-eminently to assist, in all the ways in which he can, the development of that community. He must possess marked public spirit, and country journalists have, by persistent advocacy, done more for the advancement of the rural communities than have the members of any other profession.

Fred W. Mitchell was born at Savanna, Illinois, April 6, 1877, son of the Rev. C. H. and Lottie (Henderson) Mitchell. C. H. Mitchell was born in Indiana in 1846, and his wife was born in Illinois in 1848. He attended the public schools and graduated from Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, taking his theological course at Xenia Seminary, Xenia, Ohio. He was then ordained a United Presbyterian minister and has served as pastor in many charges. He is now residing at Golden, Illinois. Of his four sons and two daughters, all are living. During the Civil war he enlisted in the

hundred-days service and is now a member of the Grand Army. Three of his brothers were in the army and one of them was killed, William surviving. Fred Mitchell's paternal grandfather was Dr. William Mitchell, a native of Pennsylvania who came to Ohio and later moved to Indiana, and then to Illinois, dying at Monmouth. The maternal grandfather was William Henderson, an early settler of Illinois, where he and his wife died. All were men and women of much worth and highly respected, and his father was a pastor of ability and power.

Fred W. Mitchell was educated in the high school at Keota, Iowa, and at Lewis Institute, Chicago, at which time he was a reporter on the *Times-Herald*. He early showed a bent for newspaper work, first learning the printer's trade at Washington, Iowa, and when eighteen he started a paper at Hanover, Illinois. He was in newspaper work in the City of Mexico for five years after graduation, then came back to the States and was engaged at Desmon, Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Clay Center, Kansas, and then was for a time at Chicago. He came to De Witt and bought the *De Witt Observer* on October 1, 1907, of which he has since been the proprietor. He has greatly enlarged the scope of the paper and has brought it up to its present high standard. In politics he is a Republican.

On October 28, 1907, Mr. Mitchell was married to Florence Kay, of Clay Center, Kansas. Mr. Mitchell has had wide experience in his profession and is the proprietor of a paper which is a credit to the county and which exerts much influence. Personally, he is an agreeable and affable man and has many friends.

J. C. CONRAD & SONS.

One does not have to carry his investigations far into the business and commercial life of the city of Clinton, Iowa, to ascertain that the firm of J. C. Conrad & Sons is one of the leading grocery stores of Clinton county and that the gentlemen under whose able management it has grown to its present large proportions are men of twentieth-century ideas, alert, aggressive and honorable in all the relations of life. The sons of J. C. Conrad—Charles C. and Harold F., of whom this sketch more particularly treats—are of that class of young men who would win in life's struggle under any environment.

Charles C. Conrad was born in Lansing, Iowa, May 4, 1877, the son of John C. Conrad, who was born in 1843 in New York state, and there he grew up and was educated and when still a young man emigrated to Minnesota.

While there the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in Company I, of the famous First Volunteer Infantry, Minnesota Volunteers, and he proved to be a very gallant defender of the stars and stripes, having reached the rank of sergeant when mustered out. He was a machinist by trade and after his marriage he moved to Lansing, Iowa, then, in 1880, came to Clinton and started a grocery store the following year on the same plot of ground where the firm grocery now stands, at Nos. 412-414 North Second street. He gradually built up a very large business, in fact, the prestige of this store has for thirty years been too well known throughout the county to need commenting on. At that time this particular section of the city was all open country, with neither buildings or trees. Here the father, John C., conducted his grocery until his death and as his sons grew up they took the active management of the store. For many years before his death the elder Conrad left the management of his store to his sons and he very faithfully performed the duties of foreman at Lamb's machine shop for a number of years. He was accidentally injured while working there, and it is probable that this resulted eventually in his death in 1908. He was an excellent business man and of a friendly disposition, made friends easily and always retained them. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church and his family also belongs to this congregation.

The family of John C. Conrad consisted of four children, namely: Charles C. and Harold F., mentioned above as conducting the grocery of this name; Mrs. Harry Ordway, of Clinton; George H., who is now deceased, worked in the People's Trust & Savings Bank at Clinton.

Charles C. Conrad was educated in the public schools of Clinton and before and after school hours he worked in his father's grocery—in fact, he grew up in the business and was familiar with its every detail when quite young. In 1904 he went into partnership with his brother, Harold F., in the management of the grocery under the name of J. C. Conrad & Sons. This store has the reputation of being the oldest, largest and best equipped grocery in Clinton and a very large and satisfactory trade is carried on here at all seasons. The store is always well stocked and is kept neat and attractive.

Charles C. Conrad is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mutual Benefit Association, Royal Arcanum and the Ben Hur Society. He stands high in fraternal circles and he is a faithful member of the Catholic church.

Charles C. Conrad married, on July 4, 1904, Sophia Zaiser, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of William Zaiser, a printer by trade and one of the early settlers of Lyons, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad have no children.

Harold F. Conrad was born March 23, 1881, in Clinton, Iowa, and was educated in the public schools here. When fifteen years of age he entered a printing office and learned the pressman's trade. He worked in the *Journal* office at Clinton and in other offices in various cities, having become a very efficient man in his line so that his services were in demand. He had the reputation of being very rapid. But tiring of the somewhat monotonous life in a printing office and seeing a better opportunity to advance himself in the grocery business, he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles C., in 1904, under the firm name of J. C. Conrad & Sons, and he has been very successful in this line of endeavor, his pleasing manners and his uniform courtesy and consideration rendering him popular with customers and has increased the general prestige of the store.

MARTIN C. SOENKSEN.

The subject of this review is a gentleman of high standing among the citizens of Olive township, where is situated part of his valuable landed estate, and to him has not been denied a full measure of success, having long been a recognized factor of importance in connection with the agricultural interests of the county. Like a large number of the thrifty citizens of Clinton county, Mr. Soenksen is of Germanic stock and birth, but has spent most of his active and useful life within the borders of the great Hawkeye commonwealth.

Martin C. Soenksen was born in Germany in 1858, and he is the son of Broder Soenksen and wife, mention of whom is made under the caption on Christ Soenksen, in another part of this work. Martin Soenksen remained in his native land until he was fourteen years of age and attended school there. He then came to the United States and settled in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, where he continued to go to school until he received a very good education. He grew up on a farm which he worked during his youth and he has always followed agricultural pursuits, and, being a hard worker and a good manager, he has been very amply rewarded and is now the owner of a well improved and productive farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Olive township, this county, where he has lived the past eleven years and where he has a pleasant home. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Oklahoma. He has put on most of the later improvements on the place where he now resides, and carries on general farming and stock

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raising, giving practically all his attention to the proper tilling of the soil and the care and disposition of the harvests from the same.

Mr. Soenksen was married in 1880 to Augusta Clausen, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, and is the daughter of John F. and Mary (Leveson) Clausen. Mary Leveson's father was a very early settler in Clinton county. Mrs. Soenksen was reared and educated in this county; both her parents are still living in Miles, Jackson county, Iowa. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Soenksen: Bernhard, Mary, Anna, Johnnie, Henry, Erwin, Malinda, Selma, Hilda and Arnold. All these children are living at home with the exception of Mary and Anna, who reside in California.

Mr. Soenksen and family are members of the Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Soenksen is a Democrat in national affairs, but independent in local affairs, preferring to vote for the man whom he believes is best fitted to hold the office sought. He himself has been contented to lead a quiet life on his farm, not aspiring to public offices, although doubtless well qualified to ably and faithfully discharge the duties of any of the local offices.

FRED RIXON.

The prominent business man of whom it is the privilege of the biographer to write in this connection is at the head of one of the leading manufacturing enterprises of its kind in Iowa, and for this reason his name has become widely known in the business circles of this and other states of the North, Northwest and Southwest. Since locating at Clinton he has done much to promote the material prosperity of the city through the medium of his business, and as a man and citizen he has been equally influential in advancing the social and rural interests of the community. Fred Rixon is a native of northern Germany and the son of H. C. and Analie (Lund) Rixon. These parents reared their family in the fatherland, and lived near their native place until 1882, when they came to America and located in Chicago. In his native country H. C. Rixon had been a merchant, but after coming to the United States he spent the remainder of his life in retirement, dying in the year 1905, his wife following him to the grave in 1907. Of his family of six sons and three daughters, four of the former and all of the latter are living.

Fred Rixon was born October 18, 1855, received a collegiate education in his native land, and in 1871 he came to the United States and spent the

ensuing two years in Chicago. Leaving that city in 1873, he located at Clinton, Iowa, and accepted a clerkship in a store, in which capacity he continued until 1881, when he engaged in the retail clothing business for himself. After ten years in that line of merchandise, he added a large stock of boots and shoes, and during the next few years built up an extensive and lucrative patronage, and established an honorable reputation as an enterprising, judicious and far-seeing business man. In the meantime, 1902, he formed a partnership with W. A. Edwards for the manufacture of ladies' petticoats and other garments, which enterprise grew so rapidly during the three years following, that in 1905 he sold his store, the better to devote his entire attention to his manufacturing interests.

Messrs. Rixon & Edwards started their factory with eight machines, but the demand for the product was such that it was found necessary to increase the capacity of the plant from time to time, until there are now one hundred and thirty-five machines in operation, turning out about one hundred thousand garments annually, which find their chief markets in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and the Dakotas. The company at the present time manufactures eighty-five different kinds of garments, which include two hundred and fifty styles in silks, satins, ginghams, muslins, etc., the business requiring the services of from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five employes, exclusive of traveling salesmen, who vary in number from six to ten. The superior quality of all the product has created a demand which taxes the plant to the utmost to supply and, judging from the recent rapid growth of the business, the proprietors are now considering the advisability of a still further enlargement of its capacity. Mr. Edwards dying in February, 1909, Mr. Rixon purchased his interest, and since that time has been virtually sole proprietor of the establishment, although in August of the year indicated, his son, Fred, Jr., became identified with the concern and is now vice-president of the same.

The growth of this far-reaching enterprise has been almost phenomenal, the chief reason for which is the high reputation of the product, the different lines being considered the best of the kind wherever sold. Mr. Rixon has aimed to furnish nothing but first-class goods to the trade, and that he has succeeded in this laudable desire is amply demonstrated by the large orders which are constantly coming from all parts of the country, and which, as already indicated, he sometimes experiences considerable difficulty in filling. During the past year (1909) the plant almost, if not quite, doubled its capacity, judging from which, it is easy to predict a business of greatly enlarged proportions in the future and an establishment which will become one of the

greatest of the kind in the West. Mr. Rixon is a very careful and methodical man, who is familiar with every phase of his business, and keeps in close touch with the trade. To his sound judgment and superior executive ability the city of Clinton is indebted for one of its leading enterprises and, as stated in a preceding paragraph, he has not been unmindful of the city's welfare in other than a material way, being interested in its social and moral advancement and ready at all times to lend his assistance and influence to further all laudable, charitable and humanitarian projects. In politics, Mr. Rixon votes the Republican ticket, but is not a partisan, much less an aspirant for office or public recognition, and in religion he was reared under the influence of the Lutheran church, to the teachings of which he has always inclined.

Mr. Rixon was married on the first day of May, 1881, to Margaret D. Diercks, daughter of Peter Diercks, one of the wealthy farmers and prominent German-American citizens of Clinton county. Mr. and Mrs. Rixon are the parents of two children, Fred, Jr., and Irene. The former was educated in the common schools and Sternman's Institute, at Dixon, Illinois, and is now associated with his father in the latter's manufacturing interests, being vice-president of the company of which his father is president. After being graduated from the Clinton high school, Irene entered Downer's College, in Milwaukee, where she earned an honorable record as an industrious and painstaking student. Both son and daughter are intelligent and cultured and move in the best social circles of the city, being popular among all with whom they mingle. The Rixons are among the best known and most highly esteemed families of Clinton, and since moving to the city have filled a large place socially and in the public eye.

MATHIAS M. THUSEN AND PETER M. THUSEN.

The gentlemen whose names appear above, brothers in partnership in the grocery business under the firm name of M. Thusen & Company, at No. 319 North Fourth street, Clinton, Iowa, are too well known in local business circles to need any extensive comment here, for they have long maintained one of the leading stores in this vicinity.

Mathias M. Thusen was born in the country just south of Denmark, known as Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, August 25, 1856, and is of Danish descent, that part of Germany having at the time of his birth been a part of Denmark. His parents were Mathias and Christina (Thusen) Matesen. The

children took their mother's maiden name through some peculiarity of the German law when North Schleswig changed from a province of Denmark to a province of Germany. The parents lived on a farm and died in the old country.

Mathias M. Thusen received a text-book training equivalent to a common school education in this country, and when seventeen years old he emigrated to north Denmark proper, and there he worked as a laborer on farms. When twenty years of age he entered the Danish army, in which he served nine months, the army not being engaged in war at that time. When twenty-four years of age he came to the United States and located at Clinton, Iowa, where he first worked a year in a saw mill, then for a period of six years he clerked in a flour and feed store, thus learning the details of the mercantile business, at which he has so admirably succeeded in later years. In 1889 he and his brother, Peter M., formed a partnership and entered the grocery business at No. 319 North Fourth street, in the Danish Society building, and since that time they have been continuously engaged in business at this place, gradually enlarging their stock and becoming more prosperous as the years went by, gaining in prestige and popularity by their courteous treatment of all customers and their honest dealings. They have always maintained a first-class, neat and carefully stocked store, which is always a very busy place. They have a very extensive trade among the Danish Germans, as well as others.

Mathias M. Thusen is a member of the Danish Lutheran church and is a Democrat in politics. He married Marie Kair on December 5, 1885. She came from the same district of Germany as did Mr. Thusen and is a lady of refined tastes. Three children have been born to this union, Johanna, Mathias, Jr., and Christian.

Peter M. Thusen, mentioned above as brother and partner of Mathias M. Thusen, was born December 29, 1861, in north Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He worked on a farm until twenty years old and in 1881, having completed his education in the home country and ready to start life for himself, he came to America, direct to Clinton, Iowa. He first found employment in a saw mill, then worked three years for Thompson & Coan, and finally, in 1889, went into partnership with his brother, Mathias M., in the grocery business and has done his full share of the work and management of this successful enterprise.

Peter M. Thusen was married to Anna Kair, who was born on September 14, 1864. She was a sister of the wife of Mathias M. Thusen and she came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1881, a month after the arrival of Peter M. Thusen. She is a woman of good taste and of a good family. They have two children, Christian and Marie.

Peter M. Thusen is a Republican in politics and a member of the Danish Lutheran church. Both he and his brother are influential in the church and local societies of their friends and their nationality, for they have always been known as honest, industrious citizens.

WILLIAM W. MESSER.

Among the strong and influential citizens of Clinton county the record of whose lives have become an essential part of the history of this section, the gentleman whose name appears above occupies a prominent place, and for years he has exerted a beneficial influence in the city where he resides and the interest of which he has ever had at heart, always manifesting a willingness to do his full share as a public spirited citizen in furthering any movement looking to the general good.

William W. Messer was born in Clinton, Iowa, June 21, 1858, and is the son of Oliver and Harriet H. Messer, both natives of the state of New Hampshire and each representing sterling old New England families. In 1856 they emigrated west and located in Clinton, Iowa. The elder Messer was general fuel agent and tie inspector for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad Company. Later he became superintendent of the local gas and water works, a position which he very ably filled for a period of twenty years, finally retiring, and his death occurred in 1903. He was an influential man in local affairs and was a member of the school board for a number of years. He never sought public office, preferring to lead a quiet life. His widow survived him until December 25, 1909. They had but one child, William W., of this review.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Clinton and, applying himself very closely to his text books, received a very serviceable education. He began assisting his father in his work when but a small boy, and for a period of twenty years he was assistant superintendent of the city gas and water works, being associated all the while with his father in the work. During that time he was interested in a farm north of Lyons, although he continued to live in Clinton. He was also interested in other business affairs, having formed a partnership with E. G. Fenlon in the coal, wood, grain, feed and implement business for a period of three years. He then farmed again three or four years and in 1907 formed a partnership with William Parks in the storage and transfer business, also a commission business. This

partnership still exists and they have been very successful in the same. Mr. Messer is now the owner of a well improved and very valuable farm in Clinton county, on the outskirts of the city, on which general farming is carried on. The place consists of three hundred and sixty-five acres, and it will rank with the model farms of the county in every respect.

Politically, Mr. Messer is a Democrat and, while he takes much more than a passing interest in political matters, he is no office seeker. Mrs. Messer is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Messer was married in 1888 to Marie Hobein, a native of Lyons, Iowa, where she was reared and educated and where her family has long been prominent. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, namely: Oliver L., who is a graduate of the Clinton high school, and Clarence W., who is a student in the local public schools.

Leonard Hobein, father of Mrs. Messer, was born in Braunschweig, Germany, February 19, 1820. His wife, Anna Maria (Racho) Hobein, was born September 8, 1830, in Strelitz, Mecklenburg, Germany. They were married in 1854, came to the United States that year and settled in Lyons, Iowa. The father died on September 16, 1893, at the age of seventy-three. The wife survives him and is still living in the old home, at the age of eighty years.

CHARLES E. McMAHON.

The picturesque days of the steamboats and rivermen of a generation ago have about vanished, at least the general "atmosphere" about them seems to have undergone a change, and many who a few decades ago followed the river have turned their attention to other things. Although the spectator today sees craft of all kinds on the bosom of the mighty "father of waters," the scene is different from the old days; one cannot explain the difference, but it exists nevertheless, and a certain glory has departed, like lost youth, never to come again. One of the sterling and interesting characters of Clinton county whose early life was given to service on the river is Charles E. McMahon, who can tell many interesting stories of life as it was in the old days on the Mississippi. He was born at Albany, Illinois, September 3, 1860, and is the son of Abner and Ruth (William) McMahon, the father born in Ohio and the mother in Whiteside county, Illinois, to which county the father came when a child with his parents. He was a steamboat pilot for many years on the Mississippi river. He met death in a tragic manner, being murdered on

July 4, 1868, at Reeds Landing, Minnesota. He was regarded as one of the best pilots on the river. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, all living. The mother died in 1875.

Charles E. McMahon, of this review, received his education in the public schools of Albany and Dixon, Illinois, also attending a business college. He went on the river as a wood passer when very young, and then became mate and pilot and later became captain for C. F. Alden, remaining as such until 1891, when he married. He had made an excellent record on the river and had become widely known all along the Mississippi, where he had worked so long. His next work was for the Clinton Bridge & Iron Works and was general foreman for thirteen years, giving excellent service. He then went to work for the Iowa Telephone Company, and worked for the bridge and iron works during the winter. He began work in 1899 for the Iowa Telephone Company as ground man, then as lineman. He has been inspector and manager since January 1, 1910, filling this responsible position in a manner that has won the approval of all concerned.

Politically, Mr. McMahon is a Republican. He has been a member of the board of education for nine years, holding the office three terms. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masons, having taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite of Free Masons. He is also prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. McMahon was married in November, 1889, to Malinda Stark, a native of Camanche, Iowa. This union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Bessie graduated from the Clinton high school; Florence is also a high school graduate; Thera is deceased; Myrta is attending the public schools.

WILLIAM REDDEN.

The name of William Redden holds a high rank among the business men of Clinton county. He is a man who would win his way in any locality where fate might place him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and business tact, together with upright principles, all of which make for success wherever they are rightly applied, if persisted in, and by reason of the exercise of these principles he has not only won business success but also the confidence and good will of his fellow men.

Mr. Redden was born in Clinton, Iowa, October 16, 1873, and he is the son of Michael and Elizabeth (McCarthy) Redden, the father born in county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1845, and the latter born in Wicklow, Ireland, in 1844.

The father was a laborer and when a young man he came to Clinton, Iowa, from Ireland; he was an honest man and a hard worker and found ready employment here. His family consisted of four sons, Matthew, Andrew, William and Ambrose.

William Redden was educated in the parochial schools of Clinton, and when but a small lad he determined upon a mercantile course, and after leaving school he began clerking in the retail shoe store of Kief & Clancy, learning here the "ins and outs" of this business thoroughly. He remained with the same firm for a period of ten years, giving the utmost satisfaction and proving an excellent employe owing to his promptness, his aptness and his courtesy to customers. He could always be relied upon. In 1900 Mr. Redden and Mr. Donlan, the latter also a clerk at the Kief & Clancy shoe store, started in a retail shoe store of their own under the firm name of Redden & Donlan, located on Second street. In 1906, they moved to No. 215 Fifth avenue, and there they still maintain one of the most popular and best stocked stores in the city. They started in business on a small scale and were compelled to work up the trade, but both being young men of unblemished reputation and of indomitable energy, they succeeded admirably well and now their place of business is known throughout the county and well patronized by both the people of the rural districts and from Clinton and Lyons.

Mr. Redden and all his family are earnest members of the Catholic church.

On February 15, 1909, Mr. Redden married Flora Herrin, a native of Ohio, born in 1885. She is the daughter of Francis and Agnes Herrin, an excellent family of the Buckeye state. One child, Joseph, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Redden on December 8, 1909.

MICHAEL THIEL.

One of the thrifty and modern twentieth-century farmers in the vicinity of Calamus, Clinton county, is Michael Thiel, who, as his name would indicate, is a native of that great empire across the sea from whence so many of our best and most progressive citizens, especially of the agricultural classes, have come—Germany—and judging from the splendid appearance of his place he has not only inherited, but brought into actual practice, the winning characteristics usually attributed to the Germanic race. His birth occurred in the fatherland on March 12, 1857, and he is the son of John and Margaret

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(Wingender) Thiel, both natives of Germany. There the mother died in 1892 and on December 5, 1893, the father came to Clinton, Iowa, where he lived until his death, in 1901. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living; two died in Germany and one after the family came to America. Two are now living in Iowa, John, of Scott county, and Michael, of this review. The father was a farmer and he had a very comfortable home. He was ninety years old when he crossed the ocean, accompanied by his son, John. Hale and hearty, he never experienced seasickness and said it was the best journey he had ever made. He lived here six years with his sons, John and Michael, and was ninety-six years old at the time of his death.

Michael Thiel received his education in the common schools and he grew to maturity on the home farm in Germany. He also studied after coming to America, and is fairly well educated. He came to Scott county, Iowa, in 1880 and remained there until 1891, when he came to Clinton county and purchased the one hundred and sixty-acre farm. He has put all the improvements on the same and has erected substantial and comfortable buildings and has one of the most desirable farms in this part of the county. He carries on general farming and raises a good grade of live stock.

In politics Mr. Thiel is a Democrat, but he has never made any effort to be elected to public office, preferring to devote his time to his farm. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Thiel was married in 1887 to Mary Gessner, a native of Ohio, having been born in Shelby county, February 19, 1855. She is the daughter of Michael and Anna M. Gessner, who came to Ohio in an early day. He later moved to Scott county, Iowa, where he made his home for twenty-two years, then moved to Benton county, this state, living at Norway the rest of their lives. He died there on June 4, 1901; his widow is still living, having reached the age of seventy-eight years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thiel six children have been born, namely: Michael John, Margaret, John George, Mary Elizabeth and Mary, the last named being deceased.

Mr. Thiel's beautiful residence, a view of which graces this work, was erected by himself, and in it the spirit of hospitality and good cheer is ever in evidence. The barns and outbuildings are up to date and are all under paint, and the entire farm is considered a model one in every respect. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. When he came to Davenport, Iowa, on November 22, 1880, his cash capital amounted to five cents. A Mr. Eckard paid his board for three days and he then worked two days at picking corn. He then hired out for three months, receiving ten

dollars for the period; and during the following three years he was employed at a wage of eighteen dollars a month. He then started farming on his own account, boarding for three years, and then married. At that time he moved to a farm of two hundred and fifty acres at Dixon, Iowa, and after he had the place equipped he found himself twenty-two hundred dollars in debt. But by his own careful management and the co-operation of his wife, he has steadily pushed his way forward and is now numbered among the leading farmers of Iowa.

JOHN JOSEPH LOGAN.

From the beautiful and far-famed Emerald Isle comes the genial gentleman whose life record is here briefly set forth; from the clime of the fanciful Thomas Moore and the patriotic Charles Stewart Parnell; from the land where glisten the waters of Killarney and where sweeps the placid river Lee. Such men are always desirable citizens, for they are not only congenial and cheerful in all situations, but also men of action. John Joseph Logan, who is one of the well known contractors of Clinton, Iowa, is a fitting type of such citizens. He was born in county Mayo, Ireland, March 22, 1866, and is the son of Martin J. Logan, who was born and reared in Ireland and who came to America in 1873. He located in Clinton, Iowa, and he sent for his family in 1875. He had located on a farm near Clinton and later he moved to a farm in Center township, this county. In 1883 he moved to Clinton and here worked as a teamster for several years. His death occurred on May 1, 1909. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. His family consisted of four sons and an equal number of daughters, John Joseph, of this review, being the oldest; James, who lived in Carlisle, Iowa, died August 1, 1910; Ann; Mary married D. C. Manning and lives in Hampshire township, this county; Martin F.; Margaret married A. J. Nickson, of Aurora, Illinois; Dehlia; Hugh B. lives in Clinton.

John J. Logan was educated in the public schools of Clinton county and a business college at Clinton, thus becoming well equipped for a business career. After leaving school, in order to get a start he began working in a sawmill, continuing some time, and then he was connected with the wagon works of A. B. Spies, doing millwright work. Then for a few years he followed contracting, finally forming a partnership with Butler King under the firm name of King & Logan, succeeding W. J. Cook in business. They did a very satisfactory business and in 1904 Mr. King died and since that time Mr.

Logan has conducted the business alone and it has had a gradual and substantial growth and has now assumed very extensive proportions. Mr. Logan understands thoroughly this line of work and he spares no pains to please his patrons in every detail, and because of his integrity and business ability he has the confidence and good will of his patrons.

Politically, Mr. Logan is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church; fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Logan was married on December 30, 1903, to Mary C. Hendsey, who was born in Clinton in 1875. Her parents died when she was an infant and she was adopted and assumed an adopted name. To Mr. and Mrs. Logan one child has been born, named Robert James, whose birth occurred on September 21, 1905.

PETER N. PETERSEN.

Among the large class of progressive and honored citizens of Clinton county who have come to us from foreign shores, none have shown more worthy traits of character or been more active in the business affairs of the county than the gentleman whose biography we herewith present. Mr. Petersen is the owner of a popular and well managed grocery store in the city of Clinton, where he has won an envied reputation for fair dealing and loyalty to his adopted country.

Peter N. Petersen was born August 28, 1864, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and he is the son of Nicholas and Lena (Moritzen) Petersen. The father was a carpenter by occupation, spending his early life in his native country and receiving his education there, also married in his native land. In 1882 he brought his family to America and located in Clinton, Iowa. Here he remained, working as a carpenter until 1888, when he moved to the state of Oregon, where he bought land and became well established, finally owning a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, and he and the rest of the family still live in that state, with the exception of Peter N. of this review. The mother, Mrs. Lena Petersen, is deceased. Four children were born to Nicholas Petersen and wife, namely: Peter N., of this review; Christian, who lives in Oregon; Lena Klemsen also lives in that state; Margaret Dethlefs.

Peter N. Petersen grew to maturity in Germany and was educated in the schools of his native community. He emigrated to America with his parents when he was eighteen years of age. After reaching Clinton, Iowa, he clerked

for Namanny & Frahm, during which time he not only rendered high class and satisfactory service, but also learned the "ins and outs" of the business, which has been of incalculable benefit to him in later years, for it was there that he laid the foundation for his mercantile life. In 1888 he moved to Oregon with his parents and lived with them on the farm there for eleven years. In 1899, having tired of the West and believing that he could do better in Clinton, he returned to this city and clerked for T. S. Petersen in his grocery store until 1906, and increased the popularity of this firm by his courteous and considerate treatment of customers. In that year he went into partnership with Jans A. Anderson, opening a general grocery store on March 1, 1906, this large and well kept store being located at No. 400 North Third street. They carry a large and carefully selected stock and their trade has gradually grown to large proportions and they enjoy the patronage of the best citizens of the city. Politically, Mr. Petersen is a Democrat, but he has never sought public office.

Mr. Petersen was married on March 22, 1900, to Sophia Christine Kroeger, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on June 13, 1870. She came to Clinton, Iowa, from her native land in 1882, when twelve years of age, having accompanied her parents, Henry and Anna Kroeger. This union has been without issue.

NIS NISSEN.

The life history of Nis Nissen, one of the best known and most popular merchants of Clinton, is deemed eminently worthy to be included in this volume along with the other representative characters of Clinton county, partly because of its consistency to the right and partly because of its usefulness and inspiration to others.

Mr. Nissen is an American by adoption only, having been born in Germany on October 12, 1853, but the major part of his life has been spent in this country. He is the son of John Henry and Fredericka Nissen, the father born in Germany on January 11, 1827, and the latter in the fatherland in 1829. The father was a laborer and spent his entire life in his native land. His family consisted of three sons and two daughters, namely: John, Martin, Mrs. Anna Anderson, Christina, who died in Germany, and the subject.

Nis Nissen was educated in the common schools of Germany. There he grew to maturity and took up farming for a livelihood. Believing that greater opportunities awaited him in the new world, he bade farewell to his parental

roof-tree, when he was nineteen years of age, and emigrated to our shores, coming direct to the state of Illinois, where he worked on a farm for a period of four years. He came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1877, and worked on a farm for some time. He saved his money and was all the while casting about for something more agreeable and remunerating, so in 1886 he launched out into the mercantile business, forming a partnership with B. M. Jacobsen, under the firm name of Nissen & Jacobsen. They opened a dry goods and shoe store on First avenue and Second street, which they maintained for a period of sixteen years, enjoying a very liberal patronage with the city and surrounding country. Then for a period of five years they conducted their store at Fifth avenue and Third street. This partnership continued very much to the mutual advantage of both until 1907, when it was dissolved, and since then Mr. Nissen has operated alone a very popular store at No. 112 South Fourth street, carrying a large, carefully selected and tastily arranged stock of dry goods, shoes and men's furnishing goods. He is regarded as among the most progressive merchants of this city, and enjoys a very large trade among the Germans and the Danes. Mr. Nissen and his family belong to the German Lutheran church, and he is a member of the German Society and the Turners.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Nissen was married to Margaret Hass, who was born in Germany on June 7, 1858, and there she grew to maturity and was educated. She came to America in about 1879. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Carl H., who is in business with his father; Freda, Alma and Louisa. This is one of the popular and highly respected families of Clinton and numbers hosts of warm personal friends.

JAMES BRODERICK.

The profession of hotel keeping requires a peculiar fitness and much experience in order to succeed. There is a large force of servants and employes to oversee, the kind and quality of food served must be the subject of care, and the tastes of the public constantly regarded. And these are not the least difficult of problems, for if it is a task for the mistress of a private establishment to keep it properly cared for by her servants, how much greater must be the task of the hotel keeper, whose success must depend on the efficiency of his employes in lines in which efficient help is the hardest to secure. Mr. Broderick seems to have mastered the problems of hotel keeping, from the manner in which his establishments have been carried on.

James Broderick was born on October 4, 1866, in Hokah, Minnesota, the son of William and Mary Broderick, who lived and died on a farm in the above-named state. James Broderick was given a common school education and then went to live on a farm near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, owned by his uncle, where he worked until twenty-two. Then he went to work on the Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee & Omaha railroad, with which company he spent twelve years as brakeman and engineer. He then came to Clinton and opened the Tenth Avenue House, which he operated for three years successfully. When the Northwestern shops and round house were moved in 1902 to Camanche avenue, he built the Northwestern Hotel on the same avenue, and owing to his extensive business was compelled to buy a large residence at No. 724 Camanche avenue, to help take care of the trade. He kept this house until March 12, 1910, when he leased the Revere House, which he remodeled, and now has one of the best hotels in the city, with sixty-five rooms, eight of which are equipped with private baths, and are always full. His cuisine has attracted many table boarders, in which he enjoys a good trade. On May 1 of the present year the Chicago & Northwestern railway put him in charge of their eating house in the yards at Clinton and since that he has also taken the Northwestern Hotel at Fulton, Iowa, which he opened December 12, 1910. After operating for two months the company has added fifty more rooms. He opened the hotel at Janesville, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1910, close to the Northwestern yards at South Janesville. The local lodge of Elks includes him among its charter members.

In 1891 Mr. Broderick was married to Tillie Johnson, a native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and they have one child, a daughter, Evelyn. Mr. Broderick is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Clinton of the type which has developed the city.

EMIL DIEBNER.

To the average man, so-called success is the reward of persistent striving and grim determination. It is sometimes gained through selfish rivalry and competition, and frequently is attained by the aid of "pull," preference and influence. So powerful and necessary seem these aids that the one who cannot command them is often disheartened at his prospects of success. But some men, like Emil Diebner, now living retired in Clinton, Iowa, have learned how to achieve true success through the wisdom of which Solomon

said, "Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left riches and honor."

Mr. Diebner was born in Germany, March 23, 1830, and he is the son of Carl August and Mary (Hoffnoster) Diebner, the father born on June 5, 1791, and died in 1841 in his native country. The mother was born on July 2, 1793. The father became well educated and he taught school in the fatherland for a period of twenty-seven years.

Emil Diebner is the only one living of a family of seven children. He went to school to his father until he was twelve years old, or until the death of the elder Diebner. After leaving school the son served an apprenticeship of three years at the cabinetmaker's trade, and when twenty years of age he went into the Prussian army and served every day for a period of two years. In the spring of 1853 he came to America and worked in New York as a cabinetmaker for a year or more, then turned his attention to general carpentering. He came to Chicago and worked at the carpenter's trade until 1856, then his employer, William Wentworth, brought Mr. Diebner to Clinton and he worked for him until the panic of 1857. Since that time Mr. Diebner has worked for himself at carpentering and building. His mother lived with him here until 1865, dying on October 1st of that year. When the subject came to Clinton there were only about two dozen houses on Front street. He has lived to see the town grow to a thriving city and has taken a conspicuous part in its growth. Although now advanced in years, Mr. Diebner is well preserved, hale and hearty and still does some work. His long and active life has been due, in large measure, no doubt, to the fact that he has always been careful of his personal habits and has taken excellent care of himself. Although he has taken a great interest in the affairs of Clinton and vicinity he would never run for alderman, although frequently asked to do so. After the death of his mother, he went to New Mexico for the benefit of his health. He made the trip with four ox teams and was well armed, fearing the Indians of the Southwest. He saw many buffalo and killed sixteen of these animals on the outward trip. He is a very interesting talker on the old days and of his experiences in the West. He mined gold there and also worked at his trade, and was very successful at the former.

Returning East for the purpose of marrying, he espoused, on March 23, 1870, Minnie Gest, who was born on December 5, 1848, in Germany. She came to America with her parents when she was a young girl. The following children constitute Mr. Diebner's family: William Fredrick, Emil Carl and Minnie. Emil is in California and William F. is engaged in business at Eldora, Iowa. Their pleasant, substantial and neatly kept dwelling is at No. 100 North Fourth street. Mr. Diebner also owns several valuable brick build-

ings in the same block, which he built over forty years ago. He has been very successful in his business affairs and is well situated, but he likes carpentering so well that he still works occasionally "for old time's sake." Politically, he is liberal in his views.

JOHN E. PURCELL.

Conspicuous among the representative business men of Clinton, Iowa, is the well-known gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review. The industrious and well-regulated life he has led has gained for him not only material success, but the friendship, confidence and good-will of a vast acquaintance.

John E. Purcell is a native of Clinton, having been born here on April 5, 1866, and he is the son of James and Mary (Conner) Purcell. The father was born near Limerick, Ireland, and died in 1873, while the mother's birth occurred in Canada; she is still living. James Purcell was a contractor by occupation and he was sixteen years of age when he came to America and settled in southern Illinois. He was very successful in his line of endeavor and established a good home here. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters, John E., of this review, being the first in order of birth; the others are Charles J., an engineer on the Northwestern railroad; Mrs. Margaret Calnan and Anna.

John E. Purcell was educated in the public schools of Clinton and finished at St. Mary's school. Leaving the school room, being equipped with a good practical education, he began life for himself as clerk in the grocery store of O'Donnell & Calnan, where he remained two years, during which time he gained many valuable pointers relative to the mercantile business. He then clerked two years for the grocery firm of Hall & Pollard, then went to the store of S. C. Seaman, where he remained three years. He then went to Denver, Colorado, and clerked two years for the McNamarrah Dry Goods Company, giving his usual satisfaction. He always took more or less interest in athletics, especially outdoor sports, and he played baseball with the Denver City League, and he was a member of a brass band at Denver. He then returned to Clinton county and was later salesman in the city trade of Chicago for the Drummond Tobacco Company, later working in southern Iowa. He was a traveling salesman for twelve years in northern Illinois for Dean Brothers & Lincoln, wholesale grocers, remaining with them until they went out of business, being considered one of their most efficient and trust-

worthy employes. Then for two years he was in the employ of the Steele-Weddells Company of Chicago, resigning his position July 1, 1905. He then started in business for himself at Clinton, Iowa, opening a shoe store under the firm name of Henley & Purcell. One year later Mr. Purcell bought out his partner's interest, and on February 1, 1909, moved the store to No. 305 Main street, Lyons, where he still conducts the same and enjoys a very liberal patronage from the town and surrounding country, having a neat and well-kept store and carrying an up-to-date and carefully selected stock of goods.

Mr. Purcell is a member of the Knights of Columbus; in fact, he organized the lodge at Clinton, and was the first grand knight and charter member of Sterling Council, No. 662, at Sterling, Illinois. On October 2, 1902, he transferred his membership to St. Edward's Council at Clinton. Politically, he is a Democrat, but independent locally, and he is a prominent Catholic.

Mr. Purcell was married on June 19, 1895, to Louise Victoria Henle, who was born June 11, 1865, in Lyons, and is the daughter of Mathias and Theresa (Staley) Henle, a well-known and high respected family, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Theresa Mary, Louise Marie, Anna, Helen (deceased), Josephine, Dorothy, Margaret Bernardine, Catherine Natalie and Mary Elizabeth.

NICHOLAS NAEVE, JR.

The Naeve family is eminently deserving in every respect to be mentioned at proper length in a history of Clinton county, owing to the fact that its several members have borne the very best of reputations and have been, without exception, industrious and have done their full share in developing the county. They are known as progressive agriculturists and believe in keeping abreast of the times.

One of the well known representatives of this family is Nicholas Naeve, Jr., who has a valuable and well-kept landed estate in Hampshire township. He was born in this county, on April 21, 1869, and is the son of Nicholas Naeve, Sr., and Lizzie Henicke, both born in Germany, the former on August 23, 1832, and the latter on May 6, 1839. The father came to America with his parents in 1846 or 1847, and this family located at Davenport, near which city the subject's grandfather, Fred Naeve, owned a farm, and there Nicholas Naeve, Sr., grew to maturity and became a farmer. He was educated in the

schools there, and he was married in that locality in about 1860, coming to Clinton county soon afterwards and renting land until he could get a start. He finally bought one hundred and sixty acres in Center township and later bought one hundred and seventy acres in Hampshire township. He was a very successful farmer and became a man of considerable influence in his community. His family consisted of eight sons and four daughters, namely: William, deceased; Henry, Mrs. Mary Bohaldt, Mrs. Louisa Stigemann, Fred, Mrs. Anna Ehlers, Chris, Nicholas, Jr., Mrs. Carrie Schroeder and Albert.

Nicholas Naeve, Jr., of this review, received his education in the public schools and he began very early to assist his father with the general work on the home farm and he remained there with him. When he married he moved on the farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Hampshire township, which he has worked to advantage, keeping up to a high standard of improvement and making a pronounced success of general farming and stock raising. He has a good farm and a very comfortable home, and he believes in keeping everything in first class condition about his place, being one of the leading farmers in this community.

Mr. Naeve was married on March 5, 1895 to Mita Aheins, who was born in Center township, this county, on July 2, 1870. She is the daughter of Christopher Aheins, a native of Germany and one of the first settlers of Center township, where he was well known and prominent among the pioneers. Here Mrs. Naeve was reared and educated. She has borne her husband one interesting child, Hortensa, whose birth occurred on October 23, 1904.

SAMUEL CREVELING.

The subject of this sketch is an honorable representative of an old and esteemed family of Clinton county, and he has spent his life in the homestead in Hampshire township which he now owns. His paternal grandfather, Alex Creveling, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but in an early day moved to Ohio, where he lived for a number of years. In his old age he returned to Pennsylvania and died many years ago in the county of his birth. George W. Creveling, the subject's father, was born in Pennsylvania, and about the year 1844 or '45 moved to Iowa, making the journey by wagon, and locating originally in Clinton township, Clinton county. Later he changed his residence to Hampshire township, where he had previously bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, and subsequently increased his farm by pur-

chasing an additional eighty acres in the same locality. In due time he brought his land to a high state of cultivation, made good improvements, and for a number of years ranked among the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of his part of the county. He lived a quiet life, exerted a beneficial influence among his neighbors, and all with whom he came into contact spoke in high terms of his many sterling qualities. In his young manhood, he married Catherine Webb, daughter of Thomas Webb, who bore him five sons and three daughters, three of the former and two of the latter still living. George W. Creveling departed this life in November, 1882, his good wife following him to the unknown country beyond death's mystic stream, on the 2nd day of December, 1891. Thomas Webb, father of Mrs. Creveling, was a native of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and his wife, who prior to her marriage, bore the family name of Edwards, was born in England. Mr. and Mrs. Webb were married in the former's native county and state and ended their lives there, both dying a number of years ago.

Samuel Creveling was born September 19, 1855, in Clinton county, Iowa, received a common school education, and grew to maturity on the family homestead in Hampshire township, where he now lives. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and assisted his father in the farm until attaining his majority, when he began life for himself as a tiller of the soil, a vocation he has followed with success and profit to the present time. In 1883, the year following his father's death, he bought the homestead and has since lived on the same, having made a number of substantial improvements. His farm contains one hundred and sixty acres of land, which in point of fertility and productiveness are not exceeded by any like area in the county, and which, under his efficient labors and good management, have been brought to a high state of cultivation, comparing favorably with the best farms in Hampshire township at the present time. As a farmer, Mr. Creveling is energetic and progressive, using modern methods in cultivating the soil, and he seldom, if ever, fails to realize abundant returns for his time and labor. In connection with general agriculture, he devotes considerable attention to live stock, which he finds an important branch of farming, and his success has been such that he is now the possessor of a handsome competency and in independent circumstances.

In his political affiliation, Mr. Creveling is a Republican, and though well informed as to the leading questions of the day and public matters in general, he is not an office seeker, preferring the quiet and contented life he now leads to any honor within the power of his fellow citizens to bestow. Honest and straightforward in all his dealings, and the soul of honor in his relations with

his fellow-men, his character has ever been above reproach, and wherever known he is highly esteemed for his high standing as a man and citizen.

Mr. Creveling was united in marriage with Dora T. Sundergard, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and who came to America in her girlhood and grew to maturity in the state of Iowa. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Creveling consists of four children, whose names are as follows: Samuel Preston, George W., Elmer and Lyman, all living and, with their parents, constituting a mutually happy and prosperous home circle. All of the above sons are intelligent and well educated, having been given the best school advantages obtainable in their youth. After finishing the common branches in the district schools, they entered successively the high school of Lyons, from which they were graduated in due time with honorable records.

JAMES H. SPENCE.

One of the leading veterinarians of eastern Iowa is James H. Spence, of Clinton, who has made a success of his calling because he thoroughly prepared himself for it and has worked conscientiously and kept abreast of modern investigation and research. He long ago succeeded in impressing his strong personality upon the people of Clinton and vicinity, whose interests he has at heart and which he has always manifested a desire to promote. He is an American by adoption only, having been born in London, Ontario, Canada, the date of his birth being September 2, 1866. He is the son of William Spence, who was born in Scotland in November, 1840, and who married Martha Dowzer, a native of Ireland. William Spence came to Canada when a mere lad, with his parents, and settled on a farm near London, province of Ontario. He eventually owned a farm near the same place and he and his wife still live there, being very comfortably established. Religiously, the elder Spence is a Presbyterian, as are, in fact, the other members of the family. He is a member of the United Workmen lodge.

James H. Spence, of this review, is the oldest of a family of five sons and two daughters, the others being William D., John Charles, Robert N., Walter L., Mrs. Clara Uren and Mrs. Edna McFarlan.

The gentleman whose name heads this review was educated in the public schools of his native community in Ontario, Canada, and he remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years old, then attended the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada, where he made a splendid record and

from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1890. He located at Wyoming, Ontario, where he remained one year, then in December, 1891, he came to Clinton, Iowa, and he has had a very successful practice ever since, with a gradual increase from year to year until he is recognized at present as the best veterinary surgeon in Clinton county. He keeps well posted on current events, especially along scientific lines and in all matters pertaining to his profession. Although he is a Democrat, his ability was recognized by the Republican administration and he was appointed assistant state veterinarian. He was also appointed by the federal government examiner of stock for exportation to Canada, and this position he continues to hold to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. His office is located at the Hart livery stables, Nos. 117-121 Sixth avenue, Clinton, Iowa. He is always kept busy and his patrons come from remote districts.

Doctor Spence is a member of the Presbyterian church, and, fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Modern Woodmen, the National Union and the Mystic Workers. He takes a lively interest in fraternal affairs and is prominent in lodge matters.

Doctor Spence was married March 8, 1894, to Josephine Hall, who was born in Wheatland, this county, June 26, 1874. She is the daughter of Abraham and Rhoda (Schneider) Hall, who are still living at Wheatland. Mr. Hall, who is retired, having formerly been in the lumber business, came to Clinton county after the Civil war, in which he was government photographer in the United States army and afterwards a soldier.

WILLIAM H. McKENNA.

The Irish have the qualities which bring them to the front everywhere if but a chance is given them. Chances have been few and far between for them in their native country, but in this country they have found many opportunities and have taken advantage of them. Mr. McKenna, a young man, born in Ireland, without advantages, is an eloquent example of the indomitable Irish spirit, for by his own efforts he has raised himself to an enviable position and has served the county of his adoption well in public office.

William H. McKenna was born on July 24, 1869, in county Tyrone, Ireland, the son of Charles and Sarah (Malone) McKenna. His grandparents were farmers in Ireland and spent their lives there. His parents came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1880 and settled in Center Grove, Washington

township, and three years later removed to Clinton, where his father died January 7, 1907, and his mother now lives. Charles McKenna was popular among his fellows, and was a strong adherent of the Democratic party. To the last he was faithful to the Catholic religion of his fathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenna were the parents of eight children: Katherine, who married Bryan Manny, a farmer living in Cuyahoga county, Ohio; William H.; James, a motorman in Clinton; Hannah, who married John Doherty, who is operating a typewriter agency in Chicago; Anna, who was trained as a nurse at Mercy Hospital, at Davenport, and married J. L. Tracy, a switchman for the Northwestern railroad in Clinton; Margie, who married James Dillon, and died in December, 1905; Edward, an electrician in Chicago; and John C., who is connected with his brother-in-law, Mr. Doherty, in the typewriter agency. The sons are all Democrats.

William H. McKenna attended the Christian Brothers school at Omagh, county Tyrone, Ireland, and the common schools of Clinton county and Clinton. When about fifteen he began working in W. J. Young's saw mill, receiving sixty cents per day at first. He continued in the sawmill for five years, then worked for the grocery firm of Hayes & Murphy until March, 1898. In that month Mr. McKenna, stirred with the spirit of patriotism towards his adopted country, enlisted in Company L, Forty-ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteers, and served through the Spanish-American war. His regiment was sent to Cuba in December, 1898, and remained on patrol and guard duty there until May 13, 1899. This regiment was under the command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Colonel Dowes. Mr. McKenna was detailed as commissary clerk and served in that capacity throughout the greater portion of his enlistment.

On his return from the war Mr. McKenna re-entered the employ of Hayes & Murphy, but after two years went into the grocery business in partnership with P. H. McCarthy, under the firm name of McCarthy & McKenna. In 1908 he sold his interest to Mr. McCarthy's son. The Democratic party nominated Mr. McKenna for the office of recorder of Clinton county in 1906; he was successful in the election and has since that time administered the duties of the position in a conscientious and impartial manner. He has won the respect of the public for his efficiency and has added many to his already large list of friends. He is a member of the Catholic church.

On June 8, 1899, Mr. McKenna was married to Edith M. Sill, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Blessing) Sill, born at Lisbon, Iowa, June 8, 1874. Her father was a merchant at Lisbon, and died when Edith was three years old; her mother lives on Camanche avenue in Clinton. To this marriage three children have been born, Marion Elinor, July 10, 1900; Margie

Elizabeth, December 17, 1905; Mary Edith, March 11, 1907. They are very bright and interesting little girls.

Mr. McKenna stands high in the regard of the people of his county, and has won an enviable success for a young man whose early circumstances were less than ordinarily favorable, but which, thanks to his ability, did not hold him down.

ROBERT GEORGE BRUMER.

Deserving the many successes that have come to him, Robert George Brumer, one of the best known jewelers in Clinton county, may well anticipate greater reward further along in life's journey, being now in the prime of manhood. He is held in highest esteem throughout this locality, for he has been honorable and upright at all times.

Mr. Brumer is of German descent and was born at Pekin, Illinois, on August 30, 1860. He is the son of Ferdinand and Louisa (Hoelscher) Brumer, both born in Germany, the father on January 3, 1832, and the mother on May 24, 1834. They grew to maturity and were educated there, but came to America single, Mr. Brumer coming to New Orleans in 1850 and two years later he lived at St. Louis for a short time. He was married at Charleston, South Carolina, and finally moved to Pekin, Illinois, in the middle of the fifties and he conducted a flouring mill there during the Civil war. Earlier in life he had engaged in merchandising. He served in the Union army for a time in the early sixties, having enlisted in an Illinois volunteer infantry regiment, and he saw some hard service, being wounded by a bayonet thrust. In 1868 he returned to Germany, taking his family and, retiring from business, he lived there until his death. His family consisted of four sons, namely: Louis, now deceased; Robert George, of this review; Gustav A., and Ulysses S., living in DeWitt, Iowa.

Robert G. Brumer, of this review, was eight years old when his parents moved to Germany from Illinois and he received a good education in the public schools and high schools of the fatherland. Early in life he began learning the watchmaker's trade and he visited other countries of Europe in order to complete his education in that line. Thus well equipped for his chosen life work, he returned to America, locating in Clinton, Iowa, in 1880, and he began to work for E. H. Howes in a jewelry store. In 1886 he and his brother Gustav formed a partnership and opened a jewelry store in the Davis block on Second street, under the firm name of Brumer Brothers. In

1887 they moved to their present location on Fifth avenue. They started in a small way in their original store, but by judicious management and honest and courteous treatment of their thousands of customers during the past quarter of a century they have built a large and ever-growing trade and have one of the best known stores of this kind in the county. They carry a large and full line of jewelry, in fact, everything commonly found in the best and up-to-date jewelry stores. They do a high grade of goldsmithing and all kinds of repair work on watches, etc. The Brumer Brothers also carry on and manage the Eurema Company, which was organized about 1900. They manufacture a soldering fluid used in fusing gold, requiring very little heat. The owners got the idea of this excellent fluid from their early education among the goldsmiths of Germany and Switzerland. The products of the Eurema Company have a very wide sale and are handled by every jobber in the United States.

Robert G. Brumer is prominent in lodge circles, being a chapter Mason at Clinton and a member of every lodge in this city. On September 22, 1885, he was married to Elizabeth Flick, who was born in Germany on July 31, 1862, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children, Ferdinand Robert, Gustav A. and Herbert Bismark.

MARTIN INGWERSEN.

Herein is mentioned one of the successful business men of Clinton, who has made himself known and felt in the business world outside of his city, and has been prominent in the councils of his fellows of the same business throughout the state. He has done much to bring about between those engaged in similar businesses something of co-operation and of that working together for general business betterment, which can not fail in making conditions better for both producer and consumer. He is another of those German immigrants who have by their own efforts achieved prosperity in business, starting with nothing and beginning life as a laborer. Certainly such a career shows the possession of more than ordinary powers to cope with the difficulties of life.

Martin Ingwersen was born in Germany, June 16, 1860, the son of I. M. and Margaret (Soenksen) Ingwersen. His parents were born in Germany, and there his father died in 1893, and his mother in 1881. They were the parents of three children, of whom all are living. The father lived a

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quiet life, giving his attention entirely to his occupation, of which he was very fond. He left to his children the heritage of a strong character.

Martin Ingwersen attended the common schools, was reared on the farm, and served three years in the German cavalry, a valuable experience. In the spring of 1883 he came to America and located in Clinton county. He first worked on a farm, then in a sawmill, beginning in this humble manner. He was next in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and later obtained a position in the bottling establishment of Arlen & Son of Clinton. In 1890, Charles Arlen, Sr., the founder of the business, died and Martin became a partner with Edward A. Arlen, and this partnership still continues. The business has increased to very large proportions since then, and is one of the leading establishments of the city. It is located at No. 600 South First street. Mr. Ingwersen is also engaged in the coal and wood business, which adds a handsome profit to his income. He has been among the most active in building up the Iowa State Bottlers' Association, and the Iowa Liquor Dealers' Association, and has been president of both these organizations and represents them both on the national executive boards. In politics, he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and holds the office of colonel in the Uniform Rank. He also belongs to the Elks, the Eagles, the German Society, and the Turner Society.

Mr. Ingwersen was married in 1886 to Marie Carstensen, a native of Iowa. To their union three children were born: Andrea, working in his father's office; Paul, employed in Denver; and Ella, working in her father's office. Marie Ingwersen died in 1891, and Mr. Ingwersen later married Frances Moeser, also a native of Clinton county. She is the mother of three children: Hugo, a student at Wartburg College; Mollie, in the public schools, and Frieda.

Mr. Ingwersen is a man of recognized and unquestioned business ability of a high order, and a citizen of much public spirit.

ROBERT D. COOPER.

One of the best known and most influential men in Hampshire township is Robert D. Cooper, owner of the widely known Brookside farm, who lived to see and take part in the wonderful development that has characterized Clinton county, having always stood ready to aid in whatever way he could

the furthering of all worthy objects looking to the general good, and he is therefore held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He comes to us from the Atlantic seaboard, having been born near Bernington, New Jersey, April 1, 1849, and he is the son of James and Charlotte (Snyder) Cooper, both natives of the state of New Jersey, the father born in the vicinity of Bernington on February 10, 1826.

In 1860 James Cooper brought his family west to Illinois and then settled near Peoria, and remained there one year, then they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in the fall of 1861. The father bought eighty acres in Center township. Later he sold out and bought another farm of one hundred and forty acres in Lincoln township, one mile south of his first place. In 1895 he rented his place and moved to Clinton and retired. His death occurred in July, 1901, and that of his wife thirty-one years previously, in 1870. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Only two of his children survive, Mary Alice and Robert D. of this review.

Robert D. Cooper received his first schooling in New Jersey and finished in Iowa. After leaving school he remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years of age. He started in life for himself by buying eighty acres in Hampshire township and he has been a farmer ever since. In 1875 he bought a farm of eighty acres in Hampshire township, which he added to his former purchase, and he now has three eighties together. He has placed all modern and substantial buildings on his farm and has it well improved in every particular. He has been very successful as a general farmer.

Mr. Cooper was married on December 25, 1871, to Betsy Ann Ashpole, who was born in Ohio, September 27, 1853. She is the daughter of John and Jane Ashpole, who came from England in 1845 and located in Ohio. Later came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1850, making the long journey overland with wagon and team.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper the following children have been born: Charlotte Jane, born on February 15, 1873, married George R. Housen October 4, 1893, and they have one son, Robert John; Walter B., born February 24, 1878, was married December 14, 1899, to Ida Egland, of Lincoln township, and they have four children, Oliver R., Walter J., Arthur B. and Burnice A.; Mabel Grace, born February 23, 1887; Albert Earl, born November 25, 1891.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics he is a Republican. He has held all the township offices and is prominent in local affairs.

Mr. Cooper is a well informed man and he is looked upon by his neighbors as a leader and adviser, his past honorable and successful record warrant-

ing their utmost confidence. His example is followed in reference to markets, etc. He has been greatly assisted in his successful life work by his wife, who is a woman of superior ability in many respects, and much of his success has been due to her judicious counsel and encouragement.

HENRY LINDMEIER.

Another of the young farmers of Hampshire township, Clinton county, who is one of the foremost citizens of his locality is Henry Lindmeier, who has established a firm reputation for honesty of purpose in all his dealings with his fellow man and by being the advocate of clean and wholesome principles in the home, society and politics. He has the sterling traits characteristic of his family, which is of German blood, he being of the second generation in America, and his birth occurred in Hampshire township, Clinton county, Iowa, on the home place, December 29, 1885. He is the son of John H. and Margaret (Greve) Lindmeier, both born in Germany, the father in 1835, and his death occurred in 1906.

John H. Lindmeier grew to maturity in his native land and was educated there. In 1856 he emigrated to America and first worked about Chicago for awhile, hiring out at various pursuits until he was married, after which he bought two hundred and twenty acres in Hampshire township, Clinton county, and in later years bought sixty acres more. He improved his land and engaged in general farming and stock raising, being quite an extensive cattle feeder. He laid by a competency and had a very comfortable home by reason of his industry, honesty and persistency.

To John H. Lindmeier and wife the following children were born: Mrs. Anna Bremer; Emil and John, both deceased; Otto, William, Mrs. Emma Hansen, George, Ella; Henry, of this review, being the youngest of the family.

Mr. Lindmeier attended high school at Lyons, where he made a splendid record for scholarship and from which institution he was graduated in 1903. He later attended the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, where he took a special course in agriculture and well qualified himself for his life work, after which he returned to the farm and has since devoted his attention exclusively to this line of endeavor, applying to the soil modern and most approved agricultural methods, so that quite naturally he reaps the greatest results possible and only a cursory glance over his splendidly kept place is sufficient to show

that his ideas are not only the most practical, but the most artistic and altogether desirable. Although a young man, he could teach many of the old pioneers a thing or two in the way of scientific and practical farming, and, judging by the strides he has made in the past, it is safe to predict that the future holds much of success in store for him. He has a cozy, neat and attractively located dwelling and substantial outbuildings. Everything about him shows the exercise of good taste and industry as well. Mr. Lindmeier makes a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs and they are of such superior quality that they find a very ready sale.

On August 31, 1909, Mr. Lindmeier was married to Anna Carstensen, who was born in Greene county, Iowa, on March 31, 1889, the daughter of August and Mary (Nahnson) Carstensen, an early settler there and a highly respected citizen. Mrs. Lindmeier is a young lady of many estimable traits, and, like her husband, is popular with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Lindmeier is a pleasant man to meet, genial, wholesouled, a good conversationalist, well posted on agriculture, horticulture and kindred subjects, as well as the current topics of the day and with the world's best literature. His ideals and ideas are high; he applies his education to his practical affairs and finds that it pays both in convenience and pecuniary rewards.

AUGUST HARTMANN.

Many of the best farmers of today rely on something other than general farming to insure them an annual income, and thus if one thing fails they succeed with another. One of the farmers of Lincoln township, Clinton county, who is an avarian of much local reputation is August Hartmann, who is making a success of whatever he turns his attention to.

Mr. Hartmann was born in the city of Clinton, this county, on February 26, 1874, and he is the son of Christian Peter and Margaret Morritsen, both born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, which country was formerly a part of Denmark, the father born on May 8, 1846, and the mother born on August 20, 1846. The father learned the trade of painter in his native land and became an expert at the same, which he worked at for some time there, and in 1870 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Clinton, Iowa, continuing at his trade for a period of sixteen years, when, his health failing, he gave up his trade, although there was a great demand for his services, and purchased eighty acres of land in Lincoln township

which he farmed for a period of twenty years, then in 1907 he bought ten acres near Clinton. He remodeled the building on this land and moved to it, retiring from active work. His son, Bernard, the subject's only brother, lives on his eighty-acre farm, the old homestead.

August Hartmann, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Clinton, Iowa, and after leaving school he stayed at home, assisting his father with the work on the farm and in maintaining a dairy. The son sold milk, etc., at wholesale. At present August lives with his parents and is engaged in small fruit growing, principally for the local markets. He also keeps a large number of bees and he has about one thousand pounds of honey annually for the market, which is eagerly sought after. He understands well the care of bees and has one of the best aviaries in the county, and he is also well posted on horticultural subjects so that he is making a success of his fruit growing. He has remained unmarried, preferring to care for his aged parents, delighting in ministering to their every want. He is a hard-working, unassuming young man and is deeply interested in the general improvement of his locality and county, and is always ready to help along a good cause.

CLEM KRUMPELMANN.

Success has crowned the efforts of the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review because he has spared no pains in developing himself along the chosen lines of his life work, and he has always sought to do his best and treat his fellow men as he would have them treat him.

Clem Krumpelmann, one of the best known jewelers of Clinton county and a highly respected citizen of Lyons, was born in Prussia, Germany, December 17, 1862. He is the son of George and Carrie (Artman) Krumpelmann, who were natives of the fatherland and spent their lives there, the mother's people being of Hanover. The father was for some time a soldier in the army there and served in the war of 1848. Their family consisted of four sons, Clem being the third in order of birth; Henry, August and Frank are all deceased.

The subject was educated in the schools of his native land and learned the watchmaker's trade there. Knowing that ready employment awaited the skilled artisan in the United States, he emigrated to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1882, and lived in the Mound City for one year and a half, working at his trade, then left the Missouri metropolis and came to Lyons, Iowa. He had

strained his eyes by too close application to his trade, and in order to recover he worked at farming and general labor for awhile after coming to Clinton county. He spent two years in the state of Arkansas, and in 1902 he started a general jewelry store at No. 706 Main street, Lyons, Iowa, and although he had a capital at that time of but one hundred dollars he has by hard and honest work gradually built up an excellent business, now maintaining a neat and well stocked jewelry store, and he does all kinds of repairing, being one of the best men in his line in the county. He is steady and industrious, unassuming and believes in attending strictly to his individual affairs. He takes considerable interest in church work, but does not mingle with the political contingent to any great extent. He belongs to the German Catholic church and is a member of the German Workman's society.

Mr. Krumpelmann was married on June 13, 1904, to Mary Dickman, who was born in Lyons in 1865. She is the daughter of Joseph and Theresa (Beckerman) Dickman, early settlers of Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Krumpelmann have no children.

THOMAS C. HANNAHER.

Whether the spirit of the times prevailing at the period of a person's birth has anything to do with his career is a question the biographer will leave to the psychologists and metaphysicians, yet it is worthy of note here that Thomas C. Hannaher, a well known and successful grain and flour dealer at Lyons, Iowa, was born, as Macaulay, the great English writer, would have said, "in the brave days of old," the epoch of the famous "forty-niners," and whether that had anything to do with it or not, he has been very successful in his life work and has shown a progressive and courageous spirit in overcoming life's obstacles. His birth occurred at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on June 10, 1849, and he is the son of Patrick and Margaret (O'Conner) Hannaher, both born in county Mayo, Ireland, the father on January 25, 1813, and the mother in 1823. They grew to maturity there and were educated in the home schools and married there. In order to escape the terrors of the famine of 1848 they emigrated to America, and located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. They lived there till 1852, and lived for a short time at St. Charles, Carroll county, Illinois. They came to Lyons, Iowa, in 1855 and started a general merchandise store on the corner of Fourth and Main streets when Lyons was a mere hamlet. The father, Patrick Hannaher, was one of the most important and influential men in the early days of Lyons' history and did as much, if not

more, than any other man in developing the place. He was looked upon as a leader and was a strong and admirable character and carried the farming on with credit up to 1861. He was the man who established Main street and laid it out in its present position, running due east and west. It formerly angled to the southeast from Sixth street and the position of the old street is still shown. In 1868 he built the Hannaher block, a three-story brick building, which was one of the first large blocks in Lyons. At that time a three-story brick block was quite a novelty in this place, but the town grew rapidly and Mr. Hannaher's wisdom in placing faith in its future was proven. He gave up merchandising in 1861 and entered the grain business, buying and selling large quantities of grain which he usually stored in Lyons,—in fact, he became one of the leading and best known buyers in the Northwest in his day. He built a line of elevators along the northwest and retired from active business in 1880. He was highly esteemed by all classes and recognized by all as one of the most prominent men of Lyons in his day and one of the best friends of the place. His family consisted of eleven children, named as follows: John died in Dakota; Thomas C., of this review; Patrick and Mary both died in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Charles, James Edward, Mrs. Dehlia O'Donnell, Margaret; Mary is deceased; Mrs. Anna Henley; Catherine is a Sister of Charity at Lyons, serving under the name of Sister Augusta.

Thomas C. Hannaher was educated in the public schools of Lyons, Iowa, completing his education at St. Mary's College, on the lake at Chicago. (This institution is not now in existence.) In 1870 he went into business as a partner with his father in the grain buying and flour manufacturing business. They owned and operated large elevators and mills on Front street and they carried on a very large business. The son took active charge of the business in 1880, the father retiring. Thomas C. Hannaher was also engaged in buying and shipping live stock. He has been very successful in whatever he has engaged in and has long been regarded as one of the leading business men of Lyons. He practically retired from active business in 1900, but he still looks after his large interests in a general way and has charge of a thriving grocery store and a flour and grain business.

Mr. Hannaher is a loyal and prominent Catholic and he organized the Order of Hibernians in Lyons when he was a young man. At a very early age he began taking an active part in local politics and when twenty-one years of age he was elected alderman of Lyons on the Democratic ticket, and he became mayor of the city at the age of twenty-six, and for a number of years during his active life he was a prominent figure at all political meetings. He filled the office of mayor in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself

and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, irrespective of party. He did a great deal for the good of the city and community, carrying forward in a very laudable manner the commendable work begun by his worthy father.

Mr. Hannaher was married on May 18, 1875, to Martha Jane Edney, who was born at Vincennes, Indiana, and who came to Lyons in 1865. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Thomas E., William John and Leo Patrick; the two latter are traveling in vaudeville in which they are making a great success all over the country; Anna B. is the daughter.

The Hannaher is one of the most prominent of the Irish Catholic families in Lyons, and the subject is a man whom it is a delight to meet—clear-headed, quick-witted, proud of his father's record, as he should be, for he did much for the people who settled in this community in the early days. He loaned considerable money, used his influence to bring in capital, and was always generous and public-spirited. Mr. Hannaher's father was the man who did great things for the Catholic church, furnishing half the money for a fifty-thousand dollar building, often furnishing a check for five hundred dollars when things looked bad. Mrs. Hannaher has also done the same thing.

GEORGE V. HAYES.

There is a class of most useful and enterprising business men in America who have lived on farms until long past maturity, then moving to some town or city have entered into business. Their training in the economy and good management required in successful farming has fitted them to compete in the business world with others, and to wrest successfully compensation for their work. Such has been the case with this man, who farmed until nearly forty years old and then came to a small town and started in business, and has found his efforts crowned with prosperity.

George V. Hayes was born in Clinton county, Iowa, October 18, 1859, a son of Jonathan and Margaret (Johnson) Hayes. His father was born in New York in 1812, his mother in Norway in 1841. Jonathan came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1846, and settled on a farm of forty acres and added until he had two hundred forty acres at his death. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Christian church and his wife of the Lutheran. Six of their eight children are surviving. Jonathan Hayes died in 1893; his widow is living.

George V. Hayes spent his early days on the farm and attended the

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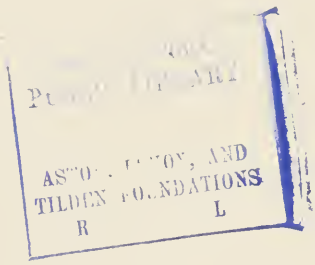
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public schools. He began when a young man to farm for himself, and now owns two hundred thirty-two acres of land. In 1898 he moved to Calamus and engaged in the agricultural implement and hardware business. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Savings Bank and has been its president for three years. He is also interested in the undertaking and furniture establishment at Calamus, operated in the name of Hayes & Blake. In politics he is a Republican and has held the office of township clerk and has been a member of the Calamus council. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen, also of the American Patriots.

Mr. Hayes was regarded as one of the best farmers in the township when engaged in that business, and has since proved his capabilities in the business line. He is much esteemed and respected in the community.

HENRY ASHPOLE.

Hampshire township, Clinton county, boasts of many successful farmers and of many well-kept farms, but of no more successful farmer than the gentleman whose name heads this review, and of no farm of more prosperous appearance than the one of which he is the proprietor. He has applied business methods to farming and has made it very profitable to himself.

Henry Ashpole was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, in the town of Saybrook, on November 28, 1854, the son of John Ashpole, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 1, 1815, and Jane (Broughton) Ashpole, who was born at Huntington, Lincolnshire, England, in 1819.

John Ashpole was a farmer by occupation and emigrated to Indiana in 1845. Remaining there for only a short time, he moved to Ohio in 1848, and in 1850 came farther west to Clinton county, Iowa. Locating at Clinton, he and John Morris started the first lime kiln in the city. Soon after he sold this and bought forty acres of the Morris seed farm in Lincoln township, which he later sold and rented land. Next he bought eighty acres, on which he lived until he became an old man, when he retired and moved to Clinton, where he died on June 13, 1897. He was a man of strong character and well liked by those who knew him.

Jane Broughton had married a Mr. Fisher before becoming the wife of Mr. Ashpole, and had by him one son, William Fisher. She bore to Mr. Ashpole four children, Frederick, John, Betsy Ann, now Mrs. Cooper, and Henry.

Henry Ashpole was the youngest of the family. He attended the Hampshire township schools and remained on his father's farm until one year after his marriage. For three years he rented of his father, then for about the same time he rented of Mr. Conner. In 1882 he bought ninety acres in Hampshire township, on which he now resides, to which after one year he added forty acres more, and three years later forty more, making one hundred and seventy acres in all. He has erected all the buildings on the farm, a comfortable house and large barns, and has improved the fertility of his soil. For many years he fed each year a large number of cattle.

In local politics Mr. Ashpole acts independently of party lines, but since Cleveland's second administration he has voted with the Republicans on national matters. The voters of his township have chosen him as a member of the school board and as township trustee. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On February 8, 1877, Henry Ashpole was married to Frances Hughes, who was born at Sterling, Illinois, on September 6, 1854, the daughter of James B. Hughes, an early settler and farmer. She has been an excellent wife and has borne to him the following children: Mrs. Esther Jane Barker, Frederick Eugene, Martha, Bess, John B., Frank, Grace, Thomas, Lillie, Roland, James (deceased at the age of eighteen months), Russell and Ralph. Mr. Ashpole has a family of which any man might well be proud. He is a man highly respected locally for his many good qualities, has hosts of friends, and has proved himself one of the best financial managers to be found among the farmers of his county. Mrs. Ashpole and daughters, Lillie and Martha, belong to the Methodist church.

GEORGE MORRIS.

In looking over the list of leading farmers and representative citizens of Lincoln township, Clinton county, one soon encounters the name of George Morris, who has so directed his energies as to entitle him to such recognition and who is a man of many strong characteristics. He was born in the city of Clinton, this county, on July 2, 1860, and he is the son of John and Mary (Bigastaff) Morris, both born in England, the father on October 31, 1832, and the mother on March 14, 1831. John Morris was primarily a cattle raiser. He came with his wife to America in 1856 and located in Clinton, Iowa, and lived there fourteen years. He then moved to Lincoln township and spent

about ten years on a farm, after which he returned to Clinton, where he lived until his death, in September, 1897. His widow survived him many years, dying in July, 1910. John Morris was a very successful business man and accumulated quite a competency. He bought and sold real estate at times, and at one time he was the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land in Lincoln township, and he often owned as many as four hundred head of cattle at one time, which he fed, being known as one of the leading feeders in the county for some time. He carried on farming on an extensive scale, too. He had a genius for agriculture and was a man whom to know was to admire and esteem. He was a loyal Republican, and while often solicited by his friends to run for office, he would not do so, preferring to devote his time exclusively to his large affairs. He was prominent here in the early days and did much toward the general upbuilding of the locality. One daughter, Annie, is living in Clinton, being one of the first children born there.

George Morris of this review was educated in the schools of Clinton and he attended the Lyons River Institute for a period of two years, and later attended school for the same length of time at Faribault, Minnesota, a military school. Thus he became well educated and after leaving college he traveled in Europe for two years. Then his father gave him his present farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres and he has lived on the same ever since. He was twenty-two years of age when he took possession of this place and he has proved himself to be an agriculturist of no mean ability. Besides general farming, he feeds a large number of cattle each year. He has kept his place well improved and he always keeps good live stock, being an admirer of good horses and some splendid specimens are to be seen about his place. He has a beautiful and well-kept home and large and convenient barns and outbuildings. He is one of the largest land owners in Lincoln township. He spends his time overseeing his large interests, but does no regular work himself. He has his affairs under a splendid system and has been very successful in his management. He is a worthy son of a worthy sire and delights to recall the early experiences of his honored father, who came from Leistershire, England. When six years of age he began working, his duties being to keep the crows and other birds from the grain, and when only nine years of age he could support himself. He was a fine example of the truly self-made man, and after coming to America he became very prosperous by judicious cattle raising. In politics the subject is a Democrat, but he does not aspire to public offices. He is a member of the Methodist church and an officer in the same.

Mr. Morris was married on November 21, 1889, to Anna Hayes, a lady

of culture and refinement and the representative of an excellent family. She was born in England on October 12, 1865, and she is the daughter of Robert and Mary Hayes. This union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Anna Mary, Frances Elizabeth, John Robert, George Eustice and William Arthur.

ROBERT BRUCE KELLY.

Holding worthy prestige among the young and enterprising farmers of Lincoln township, Clinton county, Iowa, is Robert Bruce Kelly, a very worthy representative of one of the best known and highly honored families in this section of the county, whose reputation for probity and industry he has ever sought to bear aloft.

Mr. Kelly is a native of the township where he now resides, his birth having occurred here on September 11, 1881, and he is the son of Robert Kelly, Sr., who was born in Pennsylvania in 1841, and who married Kathleen Dillhammer, who was also born in the old Keystone state, in 1848. The paternal grandfather, Adam Kelly, was among the pioneers who came to Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1853 and took up government land. At that time Robert Kelly, Sr., was twelve years of age, and he grew up on the home place, assisting his father to overcome the difficulties incident to the life of all first settlers. When twenty-four years of age he bought a farm of his own and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, becoming well fixed, and at the time of his death, in 1905, he was the owner of four hundred and twelve acres in Lincoln township, his farm being one of the best improved and most desirable in the community. Although he carried on general farming on an extensive scale, he was mainly a stock man, spending the major part of his time feeding cattle for the market, making most of his ample competency in this manner. He became widely known in the eastern part of this county as a stock man and he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His family consisted of the following children, given in order of birth: David Eldrid, who is now living retired near Clinton; Samuel B. lives at Brooking, South Dakota; Richard is deceased; Albert Burke, of France, Iowa; Robert Bruce, of this review; Lee C. is living on the home farm.

Robert B. Kelly, of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Hampshire township, also spent four terms at Dixon College, where he applied himself very carefully to his textbooks and made a splendid

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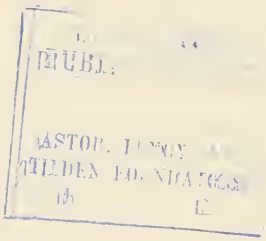
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record. After leaving college he returned to his father's farm and when only eighteen years of age he began renting land of his father, continuing in this manner for four years. Then he went to western Iowa, locating near Laporte City, where he rented a farm. Upon the death of his father in 1905 he returned to Clinton county and received his share of the estate. In February, 1909, he built a large, attractive, substantial and modern dwelling and convenient and well equipped barns, all down the road west of the old homestead, and here he is making his home, being exceptionally well fixed for a young man, and he has brought his place up to a high grade of improvement in every respect. He calls the place "Fair View," which name is very apropos, as all who have seen this very desirable and well-kept farm well know. It is the very best of Iowa soil and the buildings are new and tastily arranged. Mr. Kelly is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Clinton.

On March 2, 1904, Mr. Kelly was married to Pearl Hazel Pierson, who was born February 9, 1886, in this county, a lady of such estimable traits of character that she has always been popular with a wide circle of friends; she is the daughter of Elwood and Sadie Pierson. Her father was born in Ohio, coming to Clinton, Iowa, later in life, where he worked as switchman in the Northwestern yards. For further facts concerning the early history of the Kelly family the reader is directed to the sketch of Samuel H. Kelly, of Elvira, Iowa, appearing on another page of this work.

J. WARD POTTER.

One of the successful young business men of Clinton, Iowa, who has forged to the front in spite of obstacles and has persisted along legitimate lines until he is being abundantly rewarded is J. Ward Potter, the well known dealer in wood and coal. He was born in Clinton on January 1, 1887, and has spent his life at home, knowing that it would not be worth while to seek a better place for business opportunities. He is the son of Arthur R. and Mary E. (Tate) Potter, the former born in Canada in 1854 and died in April, 1910, and the latter was born in Galesburg, Illinois, in 1858. The father came to Clinton when a young man and engaged in the teaming business, first for Mart Lily and later for himself. He finally acquired the Chancy Coal Company and conducted a general coal, wood and coke business from about 1898 continuously up to the time of his death. He became well and favorably known in Clinton and in 1896 and 1897 he was street commissioner of Clinton.

He was a Republican and belonged to the First Methodist Episcopal church, being a member of the official board of that church. He belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the American Patriots and Mystic Workers. He was ill for a year and a half before his death, but bore his sufferings with rare courage and fortitude, for he was a man of many strong characteristics and had numerous friends wherever he was known.

Two sons and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Potter, namely: Carrie R., Harriet B., Harrison H., and J. Ward, who was the third in order of birth.

J. Ward Potter received a good education in the Clinton schools, and after leaving the school room he went to work for his father in the coal and wood business and teaming. In due course of time he became general foreman of the outside work, and upon the death of his father he took charge of the entire business, which he is still conducting in an able and successful manner. He does a general teaming business in connection with his coal and wood establishment, and enjoys a very liberal and rapidly growing patronage. He hauls all the scenery and baggage for the shows given at the Clinton theater, and he also does a big teaming business for the large contracting companies. He is an energetic, pleasant, happy-faced young man who makes friends readily and has the good will of all who know him. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Potter was married November 9, 1910, to Emma Seebold, of Winona, Minnesota.

ENGVER N. CLAUSEN.

Though young in years, Engver N. Clausen, a well known grocer of Clinton, Iowa, has won definite success and shown what a man with lofty principles, honesty of purpose and determination can do by making a persistent effort, and because of his industry, integrity and courtesy he is a man to whom the future holds much of promise and reward.

Mr. Clausen was born January 7, 1882, in Lyons, a suburb of Clinton, Iowa. He is the son of Peter C. Clausen, who was born in Germany, where he was reared, educated and where he married, the date of his birth being 1853. In 1881 he brought his young wife to America and came direct to Lyons, Iowa, settling on a farm west of this city where he remained for one year, then moved into the town of Lyons. He was a miller by trade and he

also worked in a sawmill for fifteen years. He has been conducting a harness shop for the past two years and has a very good trade. He has always been a hard working man and does his work conscientiously. He is a German Lutheran, as are all the members of this family. To Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Clausen the following children were born: Mrs. Hannah Boettger, George, Engver N. and Carl C.

Engver N. Clausen enjoyed the advantages of a good education in the public schools of Clinton, and, after he had finished, he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at the same successfully for four years, but not being entirely satisfied with this line of endeavor he sought to enter the mercantile field and for a period of five years worked in the hardware department of the Clinton Saddlery Company. In July, 1909, he and his brother, Carl C., bought out the grocery store of M. K. Madden at No. 716 Main street, Lyons, and they have since that time enjoyed a very satisfactory and prosperous trade, always carrying a complete line of staple and fancy groceries in their neat, well arranged store and their trade is rapidly growing.

Mr. Clausen is a member of the Highland Nobles, the German Workers' lodge, and he is quartermaster sergeant of Company H, Fifty-third Iowa National Guard, and is greatly interested in this work.

Mr. Clausen was married on September 9, 1903, to Wilhelmina Petersen, who was born May 20, 1885, in Clinton, Iowa. She was the daughter of Julius Petersen, who came to Iowa from Germany when a boy, and Mrs. Clausen is the granddaughter of William Byers, who was a furniture maker and came to Clinton in 1872. Mrs. Clausen was born on the same ground where she and her husband now have their dwelling at No. 403 Third avenue, Clinton. They are the parents of two children, namely: Jeanette, born March 6, 1905, and Bernerdine, who was born May 28, 1908.

Carl C. Clausen, brother and partner in business with Engver N. Clausen, was born September 8, 1893, at Lyons, Iowa. He attended school in Lyons, but left school early in life to work in the grocery store of Fredericks & Quin, as clerk, where he remained three years, then clerked for M. K. Madden for one year and finally, in partnership with his brother, Engver, he purchased Madden's store. Although very young in years, Carl C. Clausen has a level head and having had excellent training from a small boy in the local grocery stores he is well equipped for his present work. He does the buying for the firm and is an alert, careful and conscientious young man to whom the future holds much of promise in the way of business success. He is very pleasant and genial to customers and he has a host of friends here and in Lyons.

HENRY C. GRIEBEL.

It has been many years since the family of Henry C. Griebel, an agriculturist, now living on one of the best farms in Orange township, Clinton county, crossed the vast ocean from Germany, his native country, and sought the shores of the New World. They had heard of the opportunities opening up in the newer western states and, desiring to benefit themselves and their descendants, determined to seek new fields and surround themselves with new and better conditions. They possessed all the thrift usually ascribed to the Germanic race, and ere many harvest moons had waxed and waned they found themselves in good financial condition,—in fact, prosperous land owners and agriculturists.

Mr. Griebel was born in Germany on July 19, 1864, grew to boyhood there and spent one and one-half years in school there. It was in 1870 that he accompanied his parents to America and located in Clinton county, Iowa, where he continued his education in the public schools. He is the son of Fritz Griebel, who was born in Germany in 1840, the son of Henry and Lottie Griebel, both natives of the fatherland, also. They grew to maturity in their native land, were educated and married there, and he brought his family to America in 1870, locating in Clinton county, where his death occurred in 1884, his widow surviving until 1903. Five children were born to them, of whom three are still living. He was a farmer, and he and his family were members of the Lutheran church. Fritz Griebel was educated in Germany and he accompanied the family to America in 1870, and has devoted his life to farming. He became the owner of a valuable farm, consisting of four hundred and fifty acres of land, having begun with eighty acres. In 1898 he came to Grand Mound and has since lived retired. In politics he is a Democrat and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. He was married in 1868 to Henrietta Schmidt and they became the parents of six children: Henry C., the immediate subject of this sketch; William, Gustave, Hermon, Adolph and Mary. The mother of these children died in 1904, and in 1908 he married Mrs. Anna Frega, a native of Germany.

Henry C. Griebel learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and followed that trade until he married, and he has since devoted his time to farming. He has met with a large measure of success, having been a hard worker and a good manager, and he is now the owner of one of the best and richest farms of the township, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres. He has kept his place well improved and has modern farming machinery and good

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outbuildings for his grain and stock, and a very substantial and comfortable dwelling. He has always kept some good grades of live stock of various kinds and it is a pleasure to look over his well-kept place.

In politics Mr. Griebel is a Republican and he has long taken much interest in local affairs, having been school director for about twelve years. He is a director in the German Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a stockholder in the Farmers' Savings Bank at Calamus, and is one of the substantial and prosperous men of the township, richly deserving the large success that has attended his efforts, owing to the fact that he has worked long and hard along legitimate lines and that he started with practically nothing when he began life for himself.

Mr. Griebel was married on March 6, 1885, to Lena Schwien, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, and who is the daughter of Henry and Anna Schwien, who came to Scott county, Iowa, in 1856 and located in Clinton county in 1870. Both are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Griebel five children have been born, namely: Alma, Hugo, Rudolph, Freddie and Anna. Mr. Griebel knows how to enjoy the comforts of life. He not only owns good horses and buggies, but also, being up to date, owns a fine automobile.

FRANK L. McCARTHY.

A man of marked business enterprise and capability who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes is Frank L. McCarthy, one of the popular grocers of Clinton, Iowa. He has long been an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unabating energy, unbending integrity and industry that never flags.

Mr. McCarthy was born in Clinton, Iowa, February 11, 1889, and has spent his life in his home city. He is the son of Patrick H. McCarthy, who was born in 1853 at Rochester, New York, and died in 1908. The paternal grandfather, John McCarthy, was a very early settler of Clinton, having come here in 1856. He was a contractor and was prominent in the early business life of this city. Patrick H. McCarthy came to Clinton with his father when he was a baby and here he grew to maturity and was educated in the early schools. When he grew to maturity he became a grocer, in 1888, owning a store at the corner of Ninth avenue and Fourth street, and there he worked up an excellent trade and became fairly well-to-do, continuing in this line of

endeavor until 1908, in which year his death occurred. He was a member of the Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Foresters and the Modern Woodmen. He was an honest, energetic man whom his many customers and friends held in the highest respect.

The family of Patrick McCarthy consisted of seven children, of whom, Frank L. of this review was the second in order of birth; the other three sons and three daughters are, Agnes, a nun at Waterloo, Iowa; Irene; Catherine; John L., who is now eighteen years old and is associated with his brother, the subject, in business in Clinton; Paul is six years old, and Noel is four.

Frank L. McCarthy has enjoyed the advantages of an excellent education, having attended St. Mary's parochial school at Clinton, Iowa, also the Clinton high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. During all his life, when not in school, he had worked in his father's grocery store and was well informed concerning this line of endeavor and the general business of such a store when his father died, which event occurred one month before Frank L.'s graduation from high school. Thus being well prepared in point of training and education, young McCarthy took up the active management of the store and has managed it with very gratifying results since that time to the present; however, he soon changed the location of the store to No. 814 South Fourth street and took on a much larger stock, taking his younger brother in as a partner, and the firm name became F. L. & J. L. McCarthy. The trade and profits have doubled since the subject took charge of the store and he has been notably successful for so young a man, and, judging from his splendid record in the past, the future will doubtless have in store much larger things for him. His pleasant manners and sunny, Irish disposition, coupled with his known integrity and desire to please, renders him popular with his many customers, and he is in every respect deserving of the large success that has attended his efforts.

CHARLES C. BINGHAM.

The career of Charles C. Bingham, a well known business man of Clinton, Iowa, clearly illustrates the possibilities that are open in this country to earnest, persevering men who have the courage of their convictions and are determined to be the architects of their own fortunes. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, March 1, 1874, and is the son of Calvin H. and Mary L. (Joslin) Bingham, the former born in the state of New York, February 4, 1829, and

the latter in Michigan October 22, 1837; she is still living, but Mr. Bingham passed to his reward on November 7, 1905. Calvin H. Bingham was a contractor and builder and was noted in this line for his superior ability and his constant desire to please his patrons. When a young man he came west to Anamosa, Iowa, and worked there as a wagonmaker for several years, then for a period of eight years he lived on a farm. In 1894 he moved to Clinton, Iowa, and began operations as a contractor and builder. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having been a member of Company F, California Cavalry, and he served very faithfully in the Southwest, principally against the Indians. Politically, he was a Democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Bingham four sons and one daughter were born, named in order of birth as follows: Ralph E., Fred W., Charles C. (of this review), Bertha E. and E. Frank.

Charles C. Bingham began his education in the Jones county public schools and completed it in the Clinton Business College. As a young man he worked on his father's farm and learned the carpenter's trade, also. Finally he began clerking in the drug store of J. W. Evans, with whom he remained for seven and one-half years on South Fourth street, Clinton. On January 1, 1910, he started a grocery store at No. 534 South Sixth street, Lyons, Iowa, where he built up an excellent patronage. He disposed of the grocery business February 1, 1911, since which time he has been associated with the drug firm of John J. Blodt & Company of Clinton.

Mr. Bingham is a Blue Lodge Mason and he is a member of the Maccabees. He was married on June 3, 1908, to Emma Belle Scott, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of William H. and Mary Scott. Her father is an electrician on the Chicago & Northwestern electric lighted train. To Mr. and Mrs. Bingham one child has been born, named Scott Calvin, whose birth occurred January 12, 1909.

JOHN W. SMITH.

Perhaps no resident of Center township is better or more favorably known than the enterprising young farmer and representative citizen whose life story is briefly told in the following lines. The family of which he is an honored representative is of English origin and has not been known so very long in America, but no better citizens have come to Clinton county from foreign shores than they.

John W. Smith was born in Berlin township, Clinton county, on January 25, 1870, and he is the son of John and Mary (Martin) Smith and the grandson of David and Rebecca (Willis) Smith, natives of Lincolnshire, England, in which country they spent their lives and where they were living when summoned to take up their abode in the mystic beyond. John was the eldest of a family of three children, and his birth occurred in Lincolnshire, England, November 30, 1829. In the year 1852 he emigrated to America, soon afterwards coming west and locating at Sabula, Iowa, where he found employment with the Northwestern railroad, later working for the Illinois Central. He worked at different occupations and at different places until 1863, when he came to Clinton county and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 12, Berlin township, which he had purchased from the government and where he continued to reside until he removed to De Witt where he purchased a good property and where he has continued to reside, living retired. He put extensive improvements on his farm, and by economy and energy together with the active co-operation of his good helpmeet he has been enabled to add to his original purchase until at the present time he is the proprietor of fourteen hundred and forty-two acres of good tillable land in Clinton county. The parents of the subject were married in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, March 20, 1867. The mother was born in Pennsylvania May 18, 1840. To their union five children were born, Albert, John W., Willard, Lizzie (now Mrs. Henry Schmidt) and Robert.

John W. Smith received a good common school education and remained on the home farm with his parents until 1898. On January 28, 1902, he was married to Emma Levisen, daughter of Christian and Minnie (Clasan) Levisen. Mrs. Smith's father was born in Schleswig, Germany, April 25, 1840. He emigrated from Liverpool, England, with his parents, Lawrence and Anna Cathrina (Sebbance) Levisen, in 1852, and located in Clinton county, Iowa, near Bryant, at which place the grandparents died, the death of the grandfather occurring on September 2, 1882, and that of the grandmother on March 9, 1890. Mrs. Smith's parents were married on January 7, 1863. Her mother was born on November 26, 1843. Mrs. Smith's parents, having retired from the farm, now reside at De Witt. Both are members of the German Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Levisen is a Democrat. They were the parents of seven children, one of whom, Anna, is deceased; those living are, Lawrence; Dora L., widow of Henry Christiansen, deceased; Charlie F.; Anna C., wife of Burns Murphy; Emma M., wife of John W. Smith; and William C.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith began their married life on their present farm of

two hundred and thirty acres, which is located just west of Elvira, Center township. He has brought this place up to a high state of improvement and carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as being fully abreast of the times. He has always worked hard and managed well and he has a very convenient and cozy dwelling and substantial outbuildings He keeps a good grade of live stock and his place is one of the most desirable in the community.

Mr. Smith takes an abiding interest in all public matters and in politics he is a Democrat and is active in party work. He at present is one of the trustees of his township. His wife is a member of the English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Smith is an attendant and liberal contributor. They are the parents of three children, Wesley, born April 1, 1903; Marie, born November 19, 1904, and Robert, born April 30, 1910.

CARL JORGENSEN.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this review is a factor of no small importance in the business life of Lyons, Iowa, his record as a straightforward merchant and upright citizen entitling him to an honored place in the life of the community. He is a young man, has had the advantages of a present-day education, and his trained brain and industrious habits are bringing him success and the esteem of his fellow men.

Carl Jorgensen is a native of Clinton, Iowa, having been born on July 24, 1884. He is the son of Louis and Mary (Yuhl) Jorgensen, both born in Denmark, the father on February 9, 1858. They are both still living. They were married in the old country, where they were educated and grew to maturity and spent their early life. They emigrated to America and located in Clinton, Iowa, where they became very comfortably established. Louis Jorgensen conducted a general feed and flour mill in Clinton with a large degree of success, until 1907, when he retired. He is a member of the Danish Lutheran church. His family consists of one son, Carl, of this review, and two daughters, Evira and Mrs. Minnie Nissen.

Carl Jorgensen was educated in the public schools of Clinton, and after leaving the school room he worked in a printing office for two years, but not taking any too kindly to this line of endeavor he turned his attention to merchandising, and first clerked in the groceries of Hans Peper and M. A. Nissen, respectively, and thereby acquired a complete knowledge of this line

of work, which has stood him in good stead in his subsequent life. Saving his money and leaving nothing neglected whereby he could advance his knowledge of the business, he was enabled in 1908 to purchase the grocery of F. W. Damour, taking up the store and trade where the former left off, and he has continued the same with very satisfactory results, building up the stock and increasing the patronage of the store until he is now one of the busiest grocers in the city. He conducts a general grocery, flour and feed store on South Sixth street, Lyons. His place is managed under an excellent system and general satisfaction is given, at all times, to his many customers, for here they know they get a square deal, which has ever been Mr. Jorgensen's watchword.

Mr. Jorgensen was married on September 11, 1908, to Agnes John, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, February 14, 1888, the daughter of Henry and Catherine John, natives of Germany and a highly respected family.

Mr. Jorgensen is a member of the Danish society, also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, and he stands high in all of these worthy organizations.

RICHARD J. GIBSON.

Richard J. Gibson, well known citizen of Center township, Clinton county, is one who, endowed by nature with the qualities which insure success, has made good use of his natural advantages. Perhaps there is no career which excites more interest than that of the farmer lad. Strong, healthy in mind and body, filled with ambition, he starts out with full assurance that he can achieve his ideals, and, as the history of our broad land has shown, often, indeed, his hopes are realized and he is crowned with success in the field of his chosen endeavor. Such a youth was the one we review. Commencing his life work with his father's farm, he there learned all the varied departments of an agriculturist's work, and then in early manhood, alone and practically unaided, he started upon his own account to make his way in the world, with what success it is the purpose of this narrative to show.

Mr. Gibson was born on February 10, 1844, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and he is the scion of a sterling old family of the Keystone state, being the son of William R. and Martha (McChesney) Gibson. These parents grew to maturity, were educated and married in the East, and in 1852 they came to the rapidly developing Middle West, locating in Jackson county, Iowa, bringing their family of six children, whose names are given as follows:

Robert M., Thomas J., Josiah H., Joseph L., Richard J. (of this review), William R. (deceased), and Samuel M. (deceased). The father purchased land in Jackson county, near Andrew, where he and his wife spent the remaining years of their lives, engaged in farming and stock raising. Robert, William and Samuel Gibson all served in the Civil war. The father, William R. Gibson, was a Republican in politics and he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church. They were highly respected people and well known among the early settlers.

Richard J. Gibson, of this sketch, received a common school education and grew to maturity on the home farm, which he worked when a boy, assisting in the development of the same from the wilderness and with the general crops during the summer months, attending the neighboring schools in the wintertime. On October 10, 1872, he married Malissa Hamilton, daughter of George and Rebecca (Strain) Hamilton, of Jackson county, Iowa, who were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they came to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1855, being among the early and best known settlers of the county. They were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Mr. Gibson began his married life on his farm of eighty acres in Center township, which he sold in 1881 and in 1886 purchased five hundred acres just west of Elvira. He was successful from the first and as he prospered he farmed on a larger scale. His present fine farm consists of four hundred and sixty acres, which he has placed under modern and high class improvements in every respect, it being considered one of the best kept and most desirable farms in the county. It is thoroughly drained with tile. He has a large, attractive and comfortable dwelling and a convenient and substantial group of outbuildings. His large, well kept, shady, shrub-covered lawn is beautiful to the passerby, and everything about his place indicates taste, thrift and excellent management, in fact, this is a model farm. Mr. Gibson buys, raises and feeds much stock, keeping the best grades of all kinds, and he grazes large herds of cattle each year. No small part of his annual income is derived from live stock.

The United Presbyterian church has the support and holds the membership of Mr. Gibson and his family. In politics he is a Republican, and he is well read on current topics, having become a well informed man on political and civic topics and the world's best literature. He has never sought political office, preferring to devote his attention exclusively to his individual affairs.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, William B., Florence L. and Myra M., all living at home. They are well educated; the son, William B., took a commercial course at Clinton and Florence attended college at Monmouth, Illinois.

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GIDEON ALONZO RUSSELL.

This venerable and highly honored citizen of Lyons, Clinton county, is eminently entitled to conspicuous mention in this history, owing to the fact that he is a pioneer of this section, having seen and participated in the development of the same from the early days. The life he has led is one of commendation and worthy of emulation by younger generations, for it has been led along lines of usefulness and integrity. He is an interesting talker on the early conditions here and of the subsequent development of the county. He has been successful in the various lines of endeavor to which he has addressed himself and is worthy of the universal esteem in which he is held.

Mr. Russell hails from the old Empire state and is a scion of a sterling family of the same, his birth having occurred in Otsego county, New York, January 25, 1828. He is the son of Gideon H. and Waitstill (Pierce) Russell. His father was born in the state of New York and there he grew to maturity, was educated in the old-time schools and married,—in fact, spent his life there engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he and his wife died in that state.

Gideon A. Russell was reared on the home farm, where he assisted with the general work about the place during his boyhood days, and when a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and when twenty-six years old, in 1854, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, settling at Lyons, and established a sash and door shop, which he maintained for a period of thirty-five years and was very successful, enjoying an excellent and ever increasing business. He turned out a very fine grade of work and was very careful to please his patrons in every respect, always honest and obliging in his dealings. In 1861 he built and established a factory for making sashes and doors, also dressing lumber, his place of business being next to the present public square of Lyons.

In 1889 Mr. Russell began dealing in farm loans and real estate business, and in a small way he continues the same at present. He has been successful in this line of endeavor and now in the declining years of his life he finds himself very comfortably situated in his cozy home at No. 300 South Fifth street, Lyons. Politically, he is independent, and while he has always taken more than a passing interest in political and public affairs, he has not been an office-seeker.

Mr. Russell was married on March 16, 1854, to Mary Pier, of Otsego county, New York, who was born January 5, 1838. To this union five children were born, namely: George E., who died in 1874; Alice, who died in 1860; Ada, who died in 1870; Fannie J., the wife of Alonzo Firman, of

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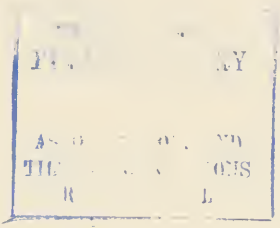

Lyons; Fred A., who is a well-known author and lives in New York. The mother of these children passed to her rest on November 14, 1871, and Mr. Russell was married on January 21, 1874, to Emaline Kellogg, of Otsego county, New York. To the last union two children were born, Lynn K., of Clinton, Iowa, and Gertrude, wife of Frank Albam, living in Marshalltown, Iowa.

LOUIS J. BORMANN.

One of the substantial citizens of Lyons, Iowa, is the gentleman to a review of whose life work the attention of the reader is now called, Louis J. Bormann, well known grocer, who, though a young man, has forged ahead and is winning the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has dealings. While advancing his own interests, he does not lose sight of the fact that it is his duty to lend his influence in furthering the interests of his community.

Mr. Bormann was born in Lyons, Clinton county, December 9, 1887. He is the son of Jacob Bormann, who was born in Germany on the banks of "the lovely castled Rhine river." He was a stock buyer by occupation and he spent most of his life in America, having come to our shores with his parents when twelve years of age. They located on a farm near Sugar Creek, Iowa, where Jacob was reared, educated and where he worked on the home place. When he reached man's estate he moved to Lyons, Iowa, and started a grocery store in the Hannaher block.. He met with success, but finally sold out and became a grain and stock buyer and did an extensive business in this direction. He served three years as a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of Company K, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and he was wounded four times, but recovered. He saw some hard service and was in many great battles, being also with Sherman on his march to the sea. He was a German Catholic in religious matters. His death occurred when his son, Louis J., was a small lad.

Louis J. Borman has three brothers and two sisters, namely: M. B. lives in Clinton; John J. is a traveling salesman; Frank J. is railroading; Mrs. Christina Schoenfeller; Mrs. Lena M. Anderson.

The subject was educated in St. Bonica's parochial school at Lyons, and after leaving the school room to begin life for himself he started out as a clerk in C. H. Wulf's retail grocery store in Lyons, remaining there three years. He then spent one year in a dry goods store and one and one-half years in a tea and coffee store as clerk. All the while he was laying up a

valuable store of information for subsequent use in the mercantile world. He and his brother John J. opened a grocery store in Lyons under the firm name of Bormann Brothers. They continued in business only a short time, when they sold out and Louis J. went to Wyoming and Montana, where he remained one year, principally to ascertain whether he liked the business and other conditions there. Believing that he could succeed better in his home country, he returned to Lyons in the spring of 1907 and opened a grocery store in this town, in partnership with his brother, F. J. He bought out the latter in 1908 and since that time has conducted the business alone and is enjoying a very liberal patronage which is constantly increasing. He keeps a neat and up-to-date stock and is known as a young man whose word can be relied upon and whose good intentions cannot be questioned. He is a genial and progressive gentleman whom customers like to patronize because of his integrity and pleasant manners. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Bormann was married on June 14, 1910, to Emma M. Galbraith, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, the daughter of Henry H. Galbraith, a well established farmer of this county.

EDWARD JOSEPH HALE.

Among the citizens of Clinton, Iowa, whose lives have been led along such worthy lines of endeavor that they have endeared themselves to their fellow citizens, thereby being eligible for representation in a volume of this nature, is the gentleman whose name appears above, a man who has worked hard for what he has achieved and who is eminently deserving of the large success that he has achieved.

Edward Joseph Hale, well known grocer of this city, was born in Portland, Connecticut, October 15, 1867, being of a most excellent family of the old Nutmeg state. He is the son of Joseph and Rosella (Edwards) Hale, the former born in Connecticut, in May, 1844, of good Yankee blood, and the mother was born in the same state in June, 1848, also of a sterling New England family. Joseph Hale owned a small farm and raised tobacco and in 1874 he emigrated with his family to Cedar county, Iowa, where he bought a farm and managed it until 1885, when he moved to Clinton, this county, and was engaged in gardening for the city markets until 1885, when he entered the grocery business at No. 548 Second avenue, remaining in business until June,

1910, when he sold out and prepared to move to Washington and retire from active life. He has worked hard and managed well and therefore he has an ample competency for his declining years.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale, Edward J., of this review, and William Louis, who owned a grocery store at No. 214 South Fourth street, but who is now living retired and owns a large ranch in the West.

Edward J. Hale was educated in the common schools of Cedar county, Iowa, and there grew to maturity on the home farm. He came to Clinton with his father in 1885 and for a period of five years assisted him in gardening. He then learned the printer's trade, but not fancying the "art preservative" as a life work, he abandoned the case and began working as a brakeman for the Northwestern railroad, being thus employed for a period of five years. Tiring of the hardships attending the life of a railway trainman, Mr. Hale finally entered the grocery business at No. 550 Second avenue, Clinton, and here he has kept a popular, well furnished and well managed store, and has been very successful, being a man of progressive ideas and honorable and considerate in his dealings with the public. His store is patronized by Clinton's best people.

Politically, Mr. Hale is a Democrat; he is commander in the Maccabee lodge, and is a member of the First Methodist church of Clinton.

Mr. Hale was united in marriage with Mary Huber on June 15, 1893. She was born March 9, 1870, at Elgin, Illinois, and is the daughter of Charles and Eva Huber. Her father, who is a tailor by trade, was born in Baden, Germany, but has spent much of his life in America. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have one child, Bruce Edward, who was born March 30, 1896. The Hale family perpetuates the name Edward in every generation.

MATTHEW J. MELVIN.

The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life and is well and favorably known in business, social and other circles of Clinton, as a result of the industrious life he has lived here and the consistent course he has followed.

Matthew J. Melvin, a thrifty grocer of this city, was born in Delaware

City, Delaware, December 6, 1856. He is the son of Owen and Bridget (Rogan) Melvin, who were both born in county Sligo, Ireland, where they grew to maturity, were educated and where they married young in life, soon afterwards moving to Scotland where they lived a few years, Mr. Melvin working as a general laborer. In 1854 they emigrated to America and located in Delaware City, Delaware, where they were soon the owners of a comfortable home. During the Civil war, Mr. Melvin assisted in building a number of fortifications for the Union, especially in the vicinity of Delaware City and at Key West, Florida, also other similar work for the United States government. In 1863 he and his family moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death in 1901. His wife is also dead. He was a stanch and ironclad Democrat in political affairs, and he and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic church. They were the parents of only two children, Matthew J. of this review, and a daughter, Catherine, who married Peter Rimmer, of Clinton, Iowa. This couple died, leaving two children, Helen, who now lives with Matthew J. Melvin, of this review, and teaches school; and Lawrence, who now carries on a transfer business in Clinton.

Matthew J. Melvin received his early education in the common schools of Clinton county and then attended the Metropolitan College at Chicago, taking a general business course. Thus well equipped for a business career and inclining toward a mercantile life, he began clerking in a retail grocery store in Chicago and there learned the foundations of the mercantile business. He remained in Chicago eleven years, then came to Clinton, Iowa, and worked in the Callan grocery store for sixteen years, giving entire satisfaction as a courteous and able clerk, popular with the patrons of the store. In 1907 he bought out his employer at No. 914 South Fourth street, Clinton, and has since been successfully engaged in the grocery business at this place, having one of the best known and best stocked stores in the city, which is patronized by the best people in this vicinity.

Mr. Melvin is a Democrat, but has never aspired to offices of public trust and emolument. He is a member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus, also the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Melvin was married on April 30, 1886, to Mary Rogan, who was born in Chicago, on May 1, 1859, the daughter of William and Sarah Rogan, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Melvin died on her birthday, when only twenty-nine years old. She was an estimable character and had hosts of friends. One child born to this union died when very young.

Mr. Melvin is known to the business world here as a man whose integrity is unassailable and he has the undivided respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM S. RICE.

Among the farmers of Center township, the "garden spot of Clinton county," none is more efficient nor bears a more respected name than Mr. Rice. The son of one of the ablest farmers and most worthy residents of the township, he has himself in all respects proved himself a credit to the stock from which he sprung.

William S. Rice was born on March 3, 1865, in Clinton county, the son of John F. and Eliza (Hice) Rice, both natives of Pennsylvania. John F. Rice was born on September 15, 1825, his wife on June 7, 1828. They were married on February 13, 1851, and emigrated to Clinton county on March 4, 1864. For four years Mr. Rice rented land, then purchased a farm of eighty acres one-half mile east of Elvira, on which he has lived continuously since 1867. When purchased, the farm was poorly improved, but he has by careful management and industry improved it and brought his soil up to a higher fertility. There is a large maple grove near his residence which he planted from seed, and which has reached a height of sixty to ninety feet, and this with the various kinds of fruit and shrubbery surrounding the home give to it the appearance of a long established homestead, which it is. John F. Rice is enjoying good health at the age of eighty-five, his wife at eighty-two, a much respected couple. One of his brothers, Conrad, is living at Elvira, aged ninety-three, another, William F., lives at Clinton, while his sister, Mrs. Mary Fulton, the remaining member of the family, is living in the state of Delaware. Mrs. Rice's parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and had a family of eight children, of whom five are living. Three of her brothers served in the Civil war, one of whom died from a long confinement in Andersonville prison. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rice are members of the Lutheran church at Elvira, and are reckoned among its strongest supporters. They were the parents of five children, all of whom died young of diphtheria, except William S.

William S. Rice, with the exception of two years spent in western Nebraska, has made his home with his parents, being unmarried, and has charge of the farm. He is also the owner of a complete threshing outfit, which he finds a profitable investment. Active in all public enterprises, he is one of the well known and respected young men of his county, and has served as school director and secretary of the school board for some years. In 1890 and 1900 he took the census of his township for the government. Mr. Rice is well read and well informed on all subjects. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church, and he takes a prominent part in the activities of the church, as do all the members of the Rice family.

PETER J. OWENS.

A native son of Clinton county, and one of the prosperous farmers and representative citizens of the community in which he resides, the subject of this sketch was born on the family homestead in Hampshire township, September 1, 1855. His father, James Owen, was born in Ireland in the year 1815, and married there, when a young man, Bridget Gallagher, who was also a native of the Emerald Isle. Not long after this marriage, these parents emigrated to the United States, and in the early fifties came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled in Hampshire, where Mr. Owens bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he improved, and on which he lived and prospered until 1890, when he turned the farm over to his son, Peter, and moved to Lyons, where he spent the remainder of his days in retirement, dying in the month of June, 1909. He was a man of industrious and frugal habits, achieved gratifying success as a tiller of the soil, and stood high in the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and fellow citizens. A Roman Catholic in religion, he was active in the work of his church, also manifested a commendable interest in the affairs of his township and at one time served as trustee of the same. James and Bridget Owens had two children, Mrs. Anna McLaughlin, of Scott county, this state, and Peter J., whose name introduces this sketch.

Peter J. Owens' early life was spent on the farm which he now owns, and he grew to maturity in close touch with the soil and with well defined ideas of the duties and responsibilities which he would ultimately assume as a man and citizen. His labor in the fields was varied during certain months by attendance at the district schools of his neighborhood, and after attaining his majority he worked for some time on the home farm for his father. Later he left the parental roof and was absent seven years, at the expiration of which period he returned home and assumed the management of the farm, and after the death of his father he succeeded to the homestead, which, as already stated, he now owns. The place which contains two hundred and forty acres of very fine land, lies in one of the most productive agricultural districts of Hampshire township and is admirably adapted to general farming and stock raising, comparing favorably with any like number of acres in the county. The buildings are substantial and up-to-date, the fencing is of best quality, and the excellent condition of the soil, together with the general appearance of thrift which pervades the farm throughout, bear testimony to the enterprise of the proprietor and indicates to the passerby a modern American home, in which thrift, content and hospitality abound.

Mr. Owens, like his father before him, is a Catholic in his religious be-

lief and a loyal son of the mother church, his family being identified with the same. He is zealous in the various lines of good work under the auspices of the church, including the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal and benevolent order of great merit, and also lends his aid and influence to further all measures for the material prosperity of the community and the social and moral advancement of his fellowmen. The domestic life of Mr. Owens dates from 1880, in April of which year was solemnized his marriage with Mary A. Laughery, of Elk River township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Patrick and Mary Laughery, whose ancestors were natives of Ireland. Five children are the pledges of this union, namely: John J., Clara, Leo P., Dorin and Alice, all living. Those doing for themselves are well settled in life and greatly esteemed in their respective places of residence.

Leo Peter Owens, second son and third child of Peter J. and Bridget (Laughery) Owens, was born in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, on the 21st day of February, 1886. As indicated in the preceding sketch, his family is one of the oldest and best known in the township of Hampshire, nearly, if not quite, sixty years having dissolved in the mists of the past since his grandfather, James Owens, left the Emerald Isle and established a home in the sparsely settled county of Clinton, now one of the finest and most progressive counties of eastern Iowa. At the proper age, young Leo entered the public schools of Lyons, which he attended for some years, the training he received being afterwards supplemented by a course in the Sisters' school, under the auspices of the Catholic church at the same place. Having early manifested a decided preference for agriculture, he turned his attention to the same on arriving at an age to begin life for himself, and for some time thereafter cultivated a part of the family homestead in Hampshire township. Since 1907, however, he has been running a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the southern part of said township, his success the meanwhile being very encouraging, as is indicated by the thrifty condition of his farm and the influential place he occupies among the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the locality in which he resides.

Mr. Owens is enterprising and public spirited, not only as a farmer, but as a citizen, and ever since attaining his majority he has kept in touch with the times on the leading questions before the people and the issues on which men and parties divide. In state and national affairs he is a Democrat, but in matters local, he lets politics cut no figure, giving his support to the candidates best qualified for the offices to which they aspire, irrespective of party ties. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World, and religiously the Catholic church holds his creed. Reared under the influence of the mother

church, he has endeavored to make his life reflect its principles and teachings, and he is today among the influential members of the congregation, with which body his wife and children are also identified.

On June 28, 1901, Mr. Owens was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Susie Manning, of Clinton county, the marriage being blessed with four children, namely: Mary Gertrude, James Legora, Joseph Francis and Helen Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are quite popular and move in the best social circles of the community in which they reside. Although primarily interested in their own children, whom they are endeavoring to rear to lives of usefulness and honor, they are not unmindful of the welfare of others. Every laudable means for the moral advancement of the young people of their neighborhood is sure to enlist their co-operation and support, and in their daily lives they exemplify principles of honor and integrity, which bespeak a high standard of manhood and womanhood.

THOMAS D. GRUMSTRUP.

In this review is mentioned another member of a very worthy family who have demonstrated their worth in numerous ways. He is descended from clean Danish ancestry, from that nation which has above most others cause to be proud of the character of its people, a nation of honest, sober, intelligent, God-fearing people, whose general intelligence, standard of education and common morality is higher than that of almost any European nation, for they have not set to work to colonize and exploit all the other portions of the world which they could obtain, but have been content with modest colonial ventures, and have given the time, money, and attention which other nations devote to colonization to the development of their home country, with results which the world can plainly notice in the development of their citizens and of their natural resources. The Grumstrup family are splendid representatives of that stock.

Thomas D. Grumstrup was born in Denmark, December 8, 1868, a son of Nis N. Grumstrup, for whom see sketch of Walda M. Grumstrup. Thomas was five years old when the family came to America and located in Clinton. He learned the woodworker's or cabinetmaker's trade, and until 1906 was an employe of Curtiss Brothers, when he and one of his brothers started a cabinetmakers' shop known as Hansen, Grumstrup & Company, which lasted about fourteen months. Then the family virtually bought

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out the entire Anderson Furniture Company, and Thomas Grumstrup was made vice-president. The company has since been prosperous. He is independent in politics, is a member of the Danish Brotherhood and of the Danish Society.

Mr. Grumstrup was united in marriage on September 1, 1892, to Minnie Hansen, a native of Germany, daughter of Ferdinand and Marie Hansen. To their union have been born three very attractive young people, Effie, a graduate of the Clinton high school; Lois, a student in the same, and Burnie.

Mr. Grumstrup thoroughly understands the business in which he is engaged, having learned it from the ground up. He is a good manager, and in every way a man well equipped in his chosen line. Likewise he is one whose worth has gained for him deserved popularity.

PETER J. MILLER.

Herein are recorded the fortunes of one whose life shows that America is still full of opportunities of great worth to a foreigner of enterprise and industry, who comes to this country equipped with intelligence, strength and energy, yet who could not rise very high by the possession of these alone in his own country, where opportunity is restricted. Here he finds freedom from restriction and full opportunity for advancement, while the careful habits learned in the hardships of the old country only make his chances better here and aid him in the race over the native of the country who has not learned such careful habits.

Peter J. Miller was born in Germany, November 28, 1866, the son of Peter J. and Charlotte (Matthiesen) Miller. He and his parents were born in territory which belonged to Denmark at the time of his parents' birth, but which afterwards became German territory. His father was a cabinetmaker and in 1883 he and his oldest son came to this country and located in Chicago, and then came to Clinton, Iowa, when they sent for young Peter, and a year later for his mother. Peter, Sr., worked for C. Lamb & Sons for some time and died in 1899. His wife is living, as also are their two sons and one daughter.

Peter J. Miller, Jr., received his education mostly in Germany, and was seventeen when he came to Clinton, after which time he spent one year in the Clinton schools. He began to learn the blacksmith's trade in Germany when fifteen, and first worked in this country for the Northwestern railroad, then

two years as a steamboat hand for C. Lamb & Sons, then went to work as a blacksmith for the same company. In 1904 he bought out Condon's old shop, on the north side of the public square, and in the fall of 1909 erected a modern shop, where he now does blacksmithing, general repairing and wagon building. His business, which is large and employs several men, is prospering and increasing. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Danish Society.

Mr. Miller was married in March, 1889, to Sine Petersen, who came from Denmark to this country when two years old, a daughter of Nels Petersen. They have one son, Alfred, aged eight years.

Mr. Miller has won his success by industry and ability, and is much respected and well liked, especially among the Danish element.

THOMAS S. HINTON.

Among the thriving and prosperous manufacturing establishments of Clinton, prominent mention should be given to the box and ladder factory in which the subject of this sketch is a partner, an enterprise which has long been in operation, and which may be considered as one of the manufacturing businesses of the city which rests on a strong and firm foundation and has a trade well established. The managers of this company are thorough and up-to-date business men, unceasing in their attention to their factory, whereby they have been prosperous.

Thomas S. Hinton was born in New Brunswick, Canada, January 2, 1858, son of Richard and Sarah (Carter) Hinton, both natives of Canada. Richard Hinton was a farmer by occupation and is still living in Canada. Of his five sons and three daughters, none are dead.

Thomas S. Hinton grew up on the farm and attended the Canadian common schools. He took up railroading, bridge-building and carpentering, and followed this work for some years, for some time being a contractor. In 1880 he crossed the line into the United States, still engaging in the contracting and building business. In 1882 he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in 1892 to Clinton, where he contracted to build a box factory for the F. A. Smith & Sons Company. He worked for them until 1903, when he bought out the senior Mr. Smith and went into partnership with J. C. Smith, his son, and they have since managed the business.

Since the organization of the new firm the power plant and planer room

have been improved, and they have added many novelties to their product and have engaged largely in the manufacture of ladders. They employ about seventy-five men throughout the year, and ship their goods mainly to Iowa locations, but send ladders all over the middle West. The entire work of the factory, especially the sales department, is well organized.

Mr. Hinton was married in 1893 to Annie Y. Smith, sister of J. C. Smith. Two children have been born to them, Francis Smith, who is working in his father's factory, and Hessie.

Mr. Hinton is a Republican in politics. He has by his efforts and by his good management been responsible for a good deal of the increase in the factory's business and is conversant with every stage of the operations of the factory.

ROLLIN HERBERT SAVAGE.

Among the business men of Clinton county who have forged their way to the front by sheer force of will and individual merit rather than by the influence and material assistance of others, no better or worthier example than that of the subject of this brief life record could be found. He is a man of excellent judgment, which accounts for his uniform success, possessing clear ideas in all business matters.

Rollin Herbert Savage, the able superintendent of the Fish Brothers wagon factory, at Clinton, Iowa, was born at Morrison, Illinois, November 21, 1863, and is the son of William J. and Lucy P. (Sholes) Savage. These parents were born in Vermont and in about 1855 they came to Illinois as pioneers, the mother with her parents in a very early day, the maternal grandfather, Orin Sholes, being a pioneer in the Sucker state. The parents married in Illinois and there the father devoted his life to farming, and later was a dealer in hardware and implements, which he followed until his death in 1872. His widow is still living. The elder Savage was a good business man, and he led a quiet life, giving his entire time to his family and business affairs.

Rollin H. Savage was educated in the Morrison public schools and when fourteen years of age he began learning the machinist's trade, attending night school in the meantime. He had mastered the trade at the age of eighteen and was made foreman at the Deere & Mansur Company at Moline, remaining with the same for eighteen years, giving them the very highest grade of service, being successively foreman, assistant superintendent and superintendent. In 1898 he left this concern and went to Davenport and took charge

of the wagon department of the Bettendorf Axle Company, remaining in their employ until they went out of the wagon business. Mr. Savage then went to Neosho, Missouri, where he built, equipped and started to operate a wagon factory. In November, 1906, he came to Clinton, Iowa, as assistant superintendent of the Fish Brothers wagon factory, and became superintendent of this concern in January, 1910, a position which he still holds. He is an expert in his chosen line of endeavor and is by nature and training well equipped to manage the affairs of a large manufacturing concern, knowing well every detail of the business and being popular with employes so as to get the best results at all times. Wherever he has been employed the prestige of the factory has been greatly augmented owing to the skill, sound judgment and judicious counsel he has employed in the management of the same.

In politics Mr. Savage is a Republican, and he belongs to Emulation Lodge No. 255, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the De Molay Consistory; he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Savage was married on June 11, 1890, to Julia Elizabeth Shields, a native of Moline, and this union has resulted in the birth of two sons, namely: Harry A., now eighteen years old, is a senior in the Clinton high school; William H., now fourteen years of age, is a student in the local public schools. Mr. Savage and his whole family are members of the Presbyterian church.

LEE CLAIR KELLY.

Prominent among the prosperous and successful farmers and noteworthy citizens of Clinton county may be mentioned the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is a descendant of one of the best known and most esteemed families of the county, and is himself the owner of many acres of farming land, which he keeps in a high state of cultivation and which richly repay him for the labor and money expended on them. He is also largely concerned in the breeding and feeding of stock, which he has found profitable.

Lee Clair Kelly was born April 12, 1886, on the farm which he now owns, and is the son of Robert and Katherine (Billheimer) Kelly. Both his parents were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Iowa in 1851, locating first with Mr. Kelly's parents at Elvira. Later Robert Kelly came to Lincoln township and bought a farm of four hundred and ninety-two acres, on which he erected all the buildings save the old stone house now standing. He made the feeding of cattle his specialty, brought to bear on this subject brains and

business-like methods, and made it pay him well. His entire time was given to his family and his farm. He died on January 23, 1906, at the close of a respected life. His wife also has departed this life. Of their nine children, five are living.

Lee Clair Kelly received his education in the Clinton public schools, and in the Clinton Business College, in which he took a complete course. He then returned to the homestead and remained with his father until the latter's death, after which the farm was divided, and Bruce Kelly took the west one-fourth, while Lee bought out the heirs to the remaining two hundred and fifty acres. This portion of the farm still bears the name of Meadow Brook farm, formerly applied to the whole by his father. He is carrying on stock feeding mainly, following in his father's footsteps, having thoroughly learned that branch of farming under the latter's able tutelage. Mr. Kelly is a Republican in politics, while in religion he is a member of the Clinton Presbyterian church.

On May 31, 1906, Lee C. Kelly was married to Tirzah Foster, who was born in Pennsylvania, but was then a resident of Clinton county. One child, a sweet little daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, has been born to their union. Mr. Kelly is a young man of sterling character and much ability, which he has already proved, and with his excellent prospects, promises to live a life of much worth both to himself and to his community.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

One of the highly honored and successful farmers of Hampshire township, Clinton county, is John Cunningham, who has come to us from the beautiful and far-famed Emerald Isle, and, judging from his well-kept, well improved and altogether desirable farming property and also from the excellent reputation he has always borne here, it is safe to say that he brought with him the characteristic energy, common-sense and high moral nature of that people.

Mr. Cunningham was born in Ireland in 1832 and spent his youth there, coming to America in 1852 and locating in Clinton county, Iowa. He has spent most of his life engaged in farming and when he first came here he rented land for some time until he could get a start, continuing that method, in fact, until 1874, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hampshire township, this county. He improved the place and erected excellent and comfortable buildings of all kinds, and has been very successful

here as a general farmer. He is now living retired. He has been township trustee for three years and has very faithfully performed the duties of the same.

Mr. Cunningham was married to Margaret McLaughlin, who was born in the state of Wisconsin. She was called to her rest on July 22, 1901. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, ten of whom are living, namely: Frank is located at Albany, Illinois; Mary is the wife of John Manning, of Mt. Carroll; Rose is the wife of Oliver Prest, of San Bernardino, California; Thomas is a homesteader in Scenic, Dakota; Susan is in the employ of the "Lend-a-Hand Club," of Davenport, Iowa; Maggie and Annie are living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; James is also a homesteader in Butte, Dakota; Martin and Peter live on the home place, the former having been born here on February 22, 1887, and he was educated in the home schools, and is a very successful and well liked young farmer; Alice is deceased. These children have been well educated, having attended the seminary at Lyons and then the Clinton Business College.

This family is highly respected wherever its members are known and they have a wide circle of friends and are very well situated in reference to this world's affairs. Mr. Cunningham and his family are all members of the Catholic church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM HENDERSON POSTON.

It is a pleasure to the biographer to record the life of a man whose actions have been so full of interest as those of the gentleman whose name heads this article, whose history is full of experiences which have brought a fullness of life to him, and whose ancestors were men and women of worth and honor.

William Henderson Poston was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, August 27, 1858, son of Samuel and Sarah (Wolf) Poston. His father was a native of Virginia, and his paternal grandfather, Elias Poston, was a commissioned officer in the war of 1812, and also state representative from his district in Virginia. He was of Scotch descent, and the family is one of the oldest in the state. William's maternal grandparents were Pennsylvanians, pioneer settlers of Allegheny county, that state, which they entered before it was cleared and had many exciting experiences with the Indians. They died in Rock Island county, Illinois.

Samuel Poston was born and grew up in the mountain gap where Mc-

Clellan fought his first battle. His father was a slave owner in early days, but in 1838 freed them all because he thought it wrong to keep them, and a few years later, in the early forties, moved to the free state of Iowa, coming west on an Ohio steamboat and ascending the Mississippi in a similar manner. He located in Scott county, near Le Clair, then called Parkhurst. Here he was married to Sarah Wolf, who had come west with her parents, and for many years he was a wagonmaker. William Cody, later famous as "Buffalo Bill," was a friend of the family and as a boy spent many a day in Mr. Poston's shop. In 1857 the family moved to Rock Island county, Illinois, and there the father followed the same trade. Four of his brothers served in the Civil war, and one of them, Alfred, died four days after his return from serving in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois Regiment. Samuel Poston died in 1885 and his wife in 1880. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are living.

William Poston was educated in the public schools of Rock Island county, Illinois, and when he was still under fourteen his father told him that he was old enough to get to work, so he began to labor on the farms, and worked four years for one man. He then served an apprenticeship in a wagon shop, worked two years as a journeyman, and then opened a wagonmaking shop in Fort Byron, Illinois. On April 10, 1890, he came to Clinton, Iowa, and started into business at Nos. 1101-3-5 South Fourth street. He was absolutely alone, but gradually added to his force as business increased, and in 1907, because of pressure of business, had to add another building to the old one which he had bought. He now employs from ten to twelve men, but on April 1, 1910, quit wagonmaking to enter that of automobile repairing, which business he recently disposed of.

In national politics Mr. Poston is a Democrat, but in local affairs is independent. He was for two years a member of the city council and was also for two years on the school board, being for one year president. He was one time the Democratic candidate for mayor. He is a member of the De Molay Consistory of Masons.

Mr. Poston was married on November 20, 1882, to Emma Milne, a native of Oswego county, New York, daughter of James Milne, now residing in Fulton, Illinois. Four children have been born to them: Frank, a cigar merchant; Elsie, wife of William Graham; Mae, deceased, and Maude.

Mr. Poston was thoroughly skilled in the wagonmaker's trade and the products of his shop were models of efficiency. He is much interested in public affairs and in all which promises to advance the general interest. He has many friends in Clinton.

CHRISTOPH JOHN GOHLMAN.

Prominent among the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Clinton county is Christoph John Gohlman, a leading citizen of Berlin township, whom to know is to esteem and honor. As the name indicates, he is of German stock, his parents, John G. and Katrina (Mollerstedt) Gohlman, noticed elsewhere in this volume, having been born and reared in the fatherland, where the ancestors of the family have lived for many generations. Mr. Gohlman is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and dates his birth from March 31, 1857. His educational discipline included the common school branches, which he mastered in his youth, and in the school of experience on the family homestead he learned the lessons of practical industry and self-denial which furnished the foundation for his subsequent career as a progressive farmer and public-spirited man of affairs. Reared in close touch with nature, he took kindly to agricultural pursuits and on reaching an age when it became necessary for him to choose a vocation, he very naturally selected farming, to which noble calling he has since devoted his time and energies with most gratifying results.

In the year 1889, Mr. Gohlman bought the fine two-hundred-acre farm in Berlin township on which he still lives, and which the meanwhile he has brought to a high state of cultivation, besides adding a number of improvements until his home is now one of the most beautiful and attractive places of residence in the community. The buildings are substantial, up to date and in excellent condition. The land, cultivated to its full capacity, yields abundantly all the crops indigenous to this latitude, and the proprietor has so managed his varied interests of farming and stock raising as to accumulate a handsome competence and place himself and family in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Gohlman is a pronounced Democrat in his political views and from time to time has been honored by his fellow-citizens with important official positions. He served several years as collector and school director, held the office of trustee for some time and in various other capacities demonstrated ability and faithfulness as a public servant and proved himself worthy the trust reposed in him by his fellowmen.

Mr. Gohlman was married in the year 1882 to Katrina Raun, a native of Germany, who has presented him with six children, namely: Bertha, Theodore, Anna, Alma, Laura and John, all living and affording their fond parents many bright hopes for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Gohlman are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, active and zealous in the good work under the auspices of the local congregation to which they belong, and ready

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at all times to lend their influence to further worthy charitable and humanitarian enterprises. He is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and she to the Royal Neighbors, in which organizations they are recognized as valuable workers, besides holding important offices from time to time. Mr. Gohlman is one of the most respected citizens of Berlin township, and, assisted by his faithful wife, he has reared a family which is a credit to the community. A selfmade man, guided by keen perception and well-developed intelligence, he has earned a competence which in the near future will result in ease and comfort for the remainder of a peaceful and happy life.

Mention should be made of the parents of Mrs. Gohlman. She was the daughter of Christian and Anna (Holtz) Raun, who farmed on a small scale in Germany. They had a family of seven girls and one son, namely: Christina, Maria, Maren, Lena, Katrina, Peter, Anna and Dorethia. Three sisters came to this country and the rest are still in Germany.

ANSEL O. COLE.

Occupying a conspicuous position among the men of industry in Clinton county, Ansel O. Cole is eminently deserving of mention in a work of the province of the one at hand, and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His record demonstrates that where there is a will there is a way and that obstacles to success may be overcome by courage and self-reliance.

Mr. Cole was born in Bristol county, Massachusetts, April 12, 1853, and he is the son of George C. and Mary A. (Rounds) Cole, the latter born in 1817. They were both natives of Massachusetts and there the father engaged in farming and also taught school there for many years. He was a well educated man and popular in his community, taking much interest in the affairs of his town, but he was not a public man and preferred the quiet of home life. His death occurred in 1869 and the death of Mrs. Cole occurred in 1878. They were the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, the latter being deceased.

Ansel O. Cole, of this review, was educated in the common schools of Bristol county, Massachusetts, and he was reared on the home farm where he became acquainted with the general work on the place when but a boy. He served four years as an apprentice to the mason's trade, and followed the same for a period of ten years. Giving up this line of endeavor, he entered

a jewelry manufactory, in which he worked for a period of five years, being very successful in the same. Then his wife died and he came to Lyons, Iowa, in 1885 and became connected with the M. A. Disbrow Company, in which he worked up to the position of superintendent in due course of time and this he still holds, giving the firm the utmost satisfaction, always fulfilling his duties in a very faithful manner. This establishment employs about one hundred and fifty men and is doing a large and ever-increasing business, due in no small degree to the wise counsel and able management of Mr. Cole, who not only understands every detail of the work, but who knows how to handle men so as to get the best service and retain their good will at the same time. The products of this farm are sash, doors, blinds and interior furnishing goods of all kinds. A large trade is carried on, the major part of the shipments being to the western states. Owing to the high quality of these products, they are in great demand. Mr. Cole is president of the Disbrow Sash and Door Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is also doing a big business.

In politics Mr. Cole is a Republican, but is independent in local affairs. He has served about four years on the school board. He is a member of the Episcopal church, being junior warden in the local congregation. He is liberal in his support of the church and all worthy charitable institutions.

Mr. Cole was married in 1875 to Martha L. Copeland, sister of the secretary and treasurer of the Disbrow Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole one child was born, Maynard C., now living in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Cole's first wife passed to her rest in 1884 and he was married in 1889 to Gertrude M. Waters, a native of Moline, Illinois. This union also resulted in the birth of one child, who died in infancy.

F. B. KING.

One of the enterprising men of Clinton county is F. B. King, a gentleman who is too well known, in fact, to need any formal introduction or elaboration on his life history here, for he has long been a conspicuous figure in the manufacturing business and social life of eastern Iowa and therefore the major part of this sketch will be devoted to the large concern with which he is identified. Suffice it to say that he has worthily upheld the honor of his family name and the wholesome traditions clustering about it, and that he has ever taken an abiding interest in the upbuilding of Clinton and vicinity, and

is deserving in every way of the large success that has attended his efforts and of the esteem in which he is held.

Mr. King was born in Savanna, Illinois, in 1867, and he is the son of C. H. King, an old river man and steamboat captain who was well known on the rivers of the Middle states in the early days.

F. B. King received a liberal education and spent his youth in his home community. In 1880 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and entered the City Bank, in which he remained eleven years, giving entire satisfaction to all concerned. He then became associated with the Clinton Separator and Engine Works, and has been connected with the same ever since, in fact, no little credit is due him for the constantly growing prestige and business of this firm, having given it his judicious management and undivided attention and ably looked after its interests at all times.

This manufacturing concern was incorporated on January 1, 1901, and efforts were at once begun to build a patented cream separator, with a small gasoline engine to run it. The officers were: J. D. Lamb, president; G. E. Lamb, vice-president; S. W. McKee, second vice-president; W. O. Pratt, secretary. They continued in this line of work to January, 1903, then started to build boats and marine engines, having sold out the separator business. A reorganization was effected and the plant was enlarged somewhat and on October 9, 1903, the name was changed to the Lamb Boat & Engine Company, with J. D. Lamb as president; G. E. Lamb, vice-president; F. B. King, secretary and treasurer. J. D. Lamb (a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work) was drowned on May 12, 1905, and since that time G. E. Lamb has been president of this firm; V. A. Bonny, vice-president; F. B. King, secretary and treasurer.

In 1903 this firm employed from fifteen to twenty men; now on an average of seventy-five men are employed and the business is still growing. They have discontinued building boats and the firm now gives its attention exclusively to building large marine engines, which, owing to their superior quality and workmanship, are eagerly sought after and they find a very ready market, the demand increasing all the time. The firm now has a branch office in New York City where about fifty per cent. of the product of this factory is shipped. These engines go over the entire world where such advanced products are used. This product is regarded as a standard engine on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. It has been developed from a small two-cycle engine to a larger and more complex type. They are now installed in some of the finest boats to be found on the eastern coast, also the western. A separate corporation, known as the Lamb Engine Company, with offices in the Hudson

Terminal Building, handles the business in New York City. These engines are especially sought for by builders of large yachts. This was originally a purely local concern, but now the business is done very largely away from Clinton, though there is yet considerable business done here. It seems that the motor boat business is growing rapidly all over the country, following closely the automobile industry, and the local company owes its growth to this development in the universal and rapidly growing use of motor boats.

WILLIAM L. DIECKMANN.

The record of the subject of this review is that of a gentleman who worthily upholds an honored family name that has long stood for high grade citizenship in Clinton county. He has figured prominently in industrial affairs, although yet a young man, and at the same time has won an envied reputation for honesty and straightforward dealing with all his fellow men and he has therefore won their undivided confidence.

William L. Dieckmann, secretary and treasurer of the Hansen & Dieckmann Furniture Company, of Clinton, Iowa, and a member of the real estate and insurance firm of Paddock & Dieckmann, was born at Wheatland, this county, June 29, 1879, and he is the son of Frederick and Fredericke (Layere) Dieckmann. They were born in Germany, and the father came to America when a boy, the mother making the trip about 1858. They were married in Kentucky. The father studied for the ministry and subsequently entered the same, but abandoned the life of a preacher to study medicine, which he practiced with much success later in life. He was a profoundly educated man and was influential wherever he went. He came to Wheatland, Iowa, about 1876 or 1877 and he at once became prominent in Clinton county. He was always active in political affairs and his support could be depended upon in all measures calculated to be of general good to the community.

William L. Dieckmann was educated in the public schools of Clinton, receiving a very serviceable text-book training. After graduation from Clinton high school, he started in life for himself by entering the real estate and insurance business with his oldest brother, Fred Dieckmann, and A. H. Paddock, under the firm name of Paddock & Dieckmann, which partnership lasted until the death of the subject's brother, Fred, since which time the firm of Paddock & Dieckmann has been composed of A. H. Paddock and W. L. Dieckmann. This firm has built up a very satisfactory business in this line and

ranks as one of the strongest in the state. They have the agency for twenty-five of the oldest and strongest insurance companies in the business. Though able to underwrite all kinds of insurance, they confine their efforts mainly to fire and tornado, casualty and burglary insurance, and issuance of surety bonds. Paddock & Dieckmann negotiate real estate loans and have been very successful in this line. They are justly proud of the fact that no loan ever recommended by them has required legal action to enforce payment of principal or interest.

Mr. Dieckmann next turned his attention to the furniture manufacturing industry and by close application to this line of work and judicious management he has built up a large and rapidly growing business under the corporate name of Hansen & Dieckmann Furniture Company at Clinton. They have a model plant, equipped with the latest designs of wood working machinery, and manufacture extension, library and center tables. The goods of this firm are highly esteemed by the furniture dealers of the Middle West.

Mr. Dieckmann has never been a candidate for political preferment and fraternally he belongs to the various Masonic bodies, and is a member of the Wapsipinicon Club.

CHARLES W. KENNEY.

It is a rare privilege to be able to spend our lives on the old home place; there is a charm under "the roof that hears our earliest cry," that never vanishes, but for some caprice of fate few of us are permitted to remain at our birthplace; we are ushered out into strange lands among strange people and are compelled to form new ties and often adopt different modes of existence. This has not been the case with Charles W. Kenny, of Clinton county, who was born on December 24, 1868, on the farm which he now occupies. He is the son of Patrick and Margaret (Blessington) Kenney, both born in Ireland, from which country they came to America in 1847 and 1840, respectively. The father came alone and after a few years spent in New York, Michigan and Wisconsin, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1851 or 1852 and entered government land, being among the pioneers. He developed his one hundred and sixty acres in Hampshire township into an excellent farm, by clearing and improving it, and he was married in this county, having been a young man and single when he came here. The maternal grandparents, the Blessington family, came to America about 1840 and located in Vermont. They left their daughter Margaret in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts, where

she found employment in the cotton mills; later she came to Clinton county, Iowa, and married Patrick Kenney. To this union eight children were born, seven of whom are living. Patrick Kenney has never been a public man, living a quiet life, yet interested in local affairs. He has lived retired in Lyons since 1893. His wife died in 1905.

Charles W. Kenny was educated in the common schools and reared on the home farm where he assisted with the work of clearing and developing and he has never cared to follow any other line of work. About 1900 he bought the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres. He has managed the same very successfully and has made a great success in stock raising, breeding high grade Aberdeen Angus cattle, draft horses and other good stock, which always find a ready market owing to their superior quality.

Politically, Mr. Kenney is a Democrat. He has been township assessor for six years and is now township trustee, and is also secretary of the school board at present. He belongs to St. Iraneaus Catholic church at Lyons, and to the Woodmen of the World.

On April 10, 1893, Mr. Kenney married Rosa V. Shannon, daughter of Patrick and Julia Shannon, old settlers of Washington township. This union resulted in the birth of eight children, namely: Charles J., Francis P., Beatrice M., Andrew, Joseph (died in infancy), Rose Lillian, Monica and James G. The mother of these children was called to her rest on May 18, 1910. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character and had a host of friends.

FRANK J. McDERMOTT.

Though a young man, Frank J. McDermott has shown what earnestness of purpose can accomplish in connection with agricultural interests, and if he continues to use the good judgment and energy that have characterized his past he will be abundantly rewarded by future years.

Mr. McDermott was born in Lincoln township, Clinton county, Iowa, on February 18, 1881. He is the son of Henry and Mary (Welsh) McDermott, he born in Ireland and the mother in St. Louis, Missouri. The father emigrated to America in about 1850 and located in Hampshire township, Clinton county, Iowa, where he took up a farm of about one hundred and sixty acres, which he improved and on which he placed an excellent group of buildings. He cleared the land, beginning life here in true pioneer fashion. Selling out there, he moved to Lincoln township, where he bought a farm of

three hundred and twenty acres and there he became one of the leading agriculturists and was a man of influence, living there until his death, in 1904, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He was not a public man, preferring to live a quiet and retired life. His widow is still living. They were the parents of four children, and by a former marriage Mr. McDermott was the father of four children; all are living.

Frank J. McDermott, of this review, was educated in the common schools and he was reared on the home farm where he began working in the fields when but a lad and he has made agriculture his chief life work and now operates half of the home place, his brother, Paul, operating the other half. He has been very successful and is a general farmer and stock raiser and is succeeding admirably well. In politics he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Catholic church at Lyons.

On September 8, 1907, Mr. McDermott was married to Anna Webber, a native of Clinton, Iowa, where she was reared and educated and where her family is highly respected. To this union one child has been born, Marian. Fraternally, Mr. McDermott is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while, politically, he is a Democrat.

HIRAM E. JAMEYSON.

Among the business men of Clinton county who are reaping the rewards of persistent endeavor along legitimate lines and who are worthy of the confidence reposed in them by their associates and patrons is H. E. Jameyson. The record of his business career might be summed up in the terse expression that he is "above want and below envy."

Mr. Jameyson was born in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, January 2, 1862, and he is the son of Elias and Amanda Jameyson, who were born in Canada and New York respectively. The father came to the "States" very early and married in Ohio, where the parents of his wife had moved when the country was new. Later they emigrated west and located in Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa, during the fifties. Elias Jameyson devoted his life to farming and owned a small farm. He lived a quiet, retired life, working his farm and devoting his attention to his family.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elias Jameyson nine children were born, five of whom are living. The father's death occurred in 1907, and the mother passed away in 1882.

Hiram E. Jameyson was educated in the common schools of Clinton and reared on a farm, where he was put to work in the fields early in life. When twenty-one years old he began life for himself by entering the sawmill business which he continued for a period of thirteen years, then entered the gravel, sand and cement business, and has been very successful in this line since 1894. For about ten years Mr. Jameyson handled ice in connection with his other line, but has dropped that phase of his business. He also handled fish since 1894, having about twenty men in that trade alone. He does an ice contracting business for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, having supplied the local demand of the company for years.

Politically, Mr. Jameyson is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 93, at Clinton.

Mr. Jameyson was married in 1883 to Laura Thompson, and this union has resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Vernon, now a resident of Washington state; Edna, the wife of William Harlot, Jr.; Coral, the wife of Samuel Stubble, Jr.; Elva and Cecil.

Mr. Jameyson has a very pleasant and attractive home on South Fifth street, Lyons. He is known to be a man of integrity and his standing in business and social circles could not be better.

RICHARD HUGHES.

To be an efficient and honorable agriculturist in the highly favored section of eastern Iowa, where the soil responds generously to the hand which cultivates it, is to be assured of a comfortable home and favorable surroundings. Among the successful farmers of Clinton county is Richard Hughes, of Berlin township, who was born on the farm where he now lives, April 9, 1857. His father was Richard Hughes, and his mother, prior to her marriage, bore the name of Esther O'Brien, both natives of Ireland. These parents came to the United States in the late forties, and after spending a year or two in La Salle county, Illinois, moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled on sixty acres of land in Berlin township, which Mr. Hughes purchased of the government. He bought other land at intervals, until in due time he became one of the largest owners of real estate in the county, his holdings at one time amounting to over six hundred acres, all in the township of Berlin. He was one of the leading farmers in his part of the country, manifested an active interest in public affairs, and enjoyed the

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esteem and confidence of the people of his community, besides holding worthy prestige as a public-spirited citizen. He lived an honorable life, which terminated on September 20, 1901, his wife dying on the 4th day of October, 1907. Richard and Esther Hughes reared a family of ten children, namely: Michael, of Lyon county, Iowa; Richard, of this review; Anna, who lives in Plymouth county, this state; Katie, of Berlin township; Patrick, whose home is in the county of Plymouth; Thomas, who resides in Berlin township, near the family homestead; William, who lives on the old homestead; James, a resident of Lost Nation, this county; Mary and Ellen, deceased.

Richard Hughes was reared on the home place in Berlin township and enjoyed such educational advantages as the common schools afforded. He early decided to be a tiller of the soil, and in 1901 bought eighty acres of land belonging to the homestead, to which he has added other places from time to time until he now owns two hundred acres of the farm, on which he has made a number of valuable improvements. He devotes his attention to general agriculture and the breeding of fine live stock, his specialties being Norman horses, Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, in the raising of which he has been remarkably successful, his reputation as a stockman being second to that of no other man in this part of the state. Financially, he has been exceedingly fortunate, being among the wealthy and influential farmers of his township, with a sufficiency of this world's goods at his command to insure an easy and prosperous future. Like all men with the interests of the community at heart, he takes an active part in public affairs, and has well-grounded convictions concerning the questions of the day, being an uncompromising Democrat in politics and a leader of his party in the township of Berlin. While zealous in the defense of his principles, he has never sought or desired office, notwithstanding which he has served his fellow-citizens in various public capacities and proved true to every trust which they reposed in him. Religiously, he was reared under the influence of the Roman Catholic church and has ever remained true to the teachings of the same, belonging at this time to the congregation worshipping at Hughes Settlement, of which his wife and children are members also.

On the 23d day of January, 1883, Mr. Hughes was united in marriage with Margaret Spain, whose parents, John and Bridget (Quigley) Spain, natives of Canada, came to Iowa in 1851, and were among the early residents and well-known families of Clinton county. The following are the names of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes: Esther, wife of Joseph Sullivan; Catherine, Joseph, Ellen, Ignatius, Marguerite, John and Ligora. Mr.

Hughes and his estimable wife have been zealous in religious and charitable work and their neighbors and friends speak in high terms of their many sterling qualities of mind and heart. They have a pleasant home, in which hospitality abounds, and all who cross their threshold are greeted with a welcome, which delays as long as possible their departure. Possessing a pleasing personality, with a manner which inspires confidence, Mr. Hughes is one of the most popular citizens of his community, a fact made apparent by his faculty of winning and retaining warm personal friendships.

JOHN WILLIAM MILLER.

The young man whom we are now considering has literally made his own way from boyhood, having been left an orphan at a very early age and having during his youth worked at a great variety of trades and occupations, and passed through some hardships. In this way he has acquired a schooling in the ways of the world such as it is the lot of few boys to obtain, and whose value is almost incalculable, though it is hard to reckon even this over against the loss of a father's care and a mother's love, which he early sustained and has felt at all times since. The record of his youth is exceedingly interesting.

John W. Miller was born in Lyons, Iowa, on May 15, 1876, the son of William M. and Mary (Hagemann) Miller. His parents were born in Germany and came early to America, locating at Lyons, where his father was a grocer and dry goods merchant, well known as such to the older residents of the town. When John was two years old his mother died, and when he was seven, his father passed away. John lived with his step-parents and received his education in the Lyons common schools, the Lyons high school, and Clinton Business College. While going to school as a mere boy he worked in the summer for Gardner, Bacheller & Wells for ten cents per day. Later he worked for Disbro & Company nine months at thirty-five cents a day. Then he was with the George Ashton Dry Goods Company for one year, worked for J. A. Nattenger, the dry goods merchant, for three years and two months, and then eight months for the Chicago Clothing Company, where he used to work of evenings while attending the business college. About April 15, 1896, he went to work on the steamer "Reindeer" in the packet line, remained on her for five months, and then, going to Chicago, became a newsboy on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, following this for five months. Then, on returning to Clinton, he obtained a position with the Welke Coal &

Ice Company, and in 1901 was made manager. This is the oldest fuel company in Lyons. This company has also an office in Clinton under the name of the Clinton Coal & Ice Company, and Mr. Miller is also manager of that. This office was located at No. 134 Fourth avenue on June 1, 1905. In 1905 Mr. Miller purchased the first up-to-date spring ice wagon ever seen in Clinton, and this is only an example of his general progressiveness. He is a director in the Clinton District Agricultural Fair Association. Fraternally, he is a member of the Woodmen of the World, which he joined in April, 1910. He is a Democrat, and in 1904, at the age of twenty-seven, was elected alderman from the sixth ward, being one of the youngest ever elected here. In 1908 he was re-elected, and again in 1910. His first election was by a majority of eighteen, the second by forty-six, the third by eighty-eight, showing that his efficient service is being recognized. Three days before the 1904 election he was requested by some of his friends, old Democrats, to make the race for alderman. He believed himself to be too young, but was finally persuaded.

Mr. Miller was married on November 28, 1899, to Mae Dorsey, a native of Lyons, daughter of Patrick and Anna Dorsey, her father one of the first ice men in Clinton and two terms a member of the city council. They are the parents of two interesting and attractive children, Lucile Katherine, aged seven, and William Dorsey, aged five.

Mr. Miller owns a pleasant and comfortable home at No. 303 South Seventh street. He has many friends in the city, and is considered by all as one of the livest and most promising business men in the county. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Catholic church.

WILLIAM ALBERT WILKE.

Here is mentioned one of the business men of Clinton who has made himself well known throughout the city as one of the most reliable in all his dealings and operations and as a manager of remarkable ability. Born in Germany, he came to this country a young man after receiving the training for which Germany is famous, in her unexcelled schools, which do so much to inculcate the spirit of industry, a German national trait; and in her army, the training in which gives the understanding of discipline and the building up of a physique which will withstand all the hardships of life. With this training, and with his own native ability, it is small wonder that he has been so suc-

cessful, even though hampered at first by being in a foreign country, among people who spoke a foreign tongue.

William Albert Wilke was born in Demmin, Pommerania, Germany, September 9, 1859, son of Carl Wilke, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He received his education in the German schools and served three years in the army. In October, 1885, he came to America and located in Clinton, where the whole family made their residence for some time. He worked one year on farms, then took up teaming and was engaged in this until 1891 or 1892, when, with Fred C. Wilke, he started the Wilke Brothers Coal & Ice Company. After some years successful operation of this company, he bought out his brother and in 1897 organized the Wilke Coal & Ice Company. This company owns and controls the Clinton Coal & Ice Company. Mr. W. A. Wilke is president of the Wilke Coal & Ice Company, which has been very successful and carries on extensive operations, having many satisfied customers, the best advertisement for any firm.

Mr. Wilke was married in 188- to Mrs. Katie Miller, formerly Miss Katie Klint. No children have been born to their union. Mr. Wilke is a Democrat in politics. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in his every day life applies the fraternal principles of his order. He has gained many friends for himself during his residence and career of business activity in Clinton, and is by all considered one of her most progressive men.

CHARLES F. HOOKS.

Like most young men, the one of whom we are now writing has not passed through enough of life to make his history long, for his record must of necessity be more in the future than in the past. But he has shown the mettle that is in him and is now in a very responsible position in a manufacturing establishment. He is well known among the business men of the city and has a very promising future. He is of Irish descent, one of that race which will not be downed, and which seems especially fitted for positions of command and management, showing clearly in his activities the value of that blood which fills his veins.

Charles F. Hooks was born in Clinton, Iowa, October 26, 1884, the son of Patrick and Katherine (Killagan) Hooks. His parents were born in Ireland, and very early came to America, locating in Clinton, where his father was engaged in the lumber business for many years, having a large and pros-

perous business. Patrick Hooks has given the most of his life to his business and now is living a retired life in Clinton. He has many friends and is spending his old age in peace, quiet and honor. Of his thirteen children, twelve are living and doing well in the world.

Charles Hooks attended the Clinton public schools and St. Mary's parochial school, being graduated in the latter. For some time he worked at various things, but in 1905 entered the employ of the Clinton Spring Bed Company, a leading manufacturing establishment of the city. In 1909 this was reorganized and he was made vice-president of the Clinton Furniture Company, a position which he now holds and has efficiently filled.

In politics, Mr. Hooks is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Catholic church. He is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Iowa Catholic Total Abstinence Society. He has a high reputation in Clinton for business sagacity and acumen, and has many friends, especially among the younger element. He is unmarried.

The Clinton Furniture Company is a prosperous organization with a large and increasing output, and much of its prosperity is due to the good management of Mr. Hooks.

JOHN WINGERT EVANS.

The subject of this sketch is of English descent, fortunate to count himself as of that nation which has spread its dominion farther than empire ever before extended, and has developed a language in use by more people than ever spoke the same tongue before. Englishmen, wherever found, are among the leaders, and our own cosmopolitan nation is built on an English foundation and has assimilated many of the traits which have made the mother country mistress of the world's greatest dominion. Although we are nominally an Anglo-Saxon nation, still it is unusual at this date to find a community where this is literally true and where a majority of the citizens are of English descent, even remotely.

John Wingert Evans was born in Clarence, Iowa, February 26, 1872, son of Charles Albert and Ellen (Wingert) Evans, his father a native of England, his mother of Maryland. Charles Albert Evans came to this country in 1844 with his father, John Evans, and family. They located in Wisconsin first. Charles A. Evans, at the age of about twenty-six, came to Clarence, Iowa, making the journey by horse and wagon instead of trains, and having to ferry

across the Mississippi. He was married in Clarence and has since farmed in Cedar county, owning one hundred and sixty acres. He and his wife are now living in Clinton, retired. They are the parents of three children, all living, Charles A., Jr., Ada, wife of H. B. Acott, and John W.

John W. Evans was educated in the Clarence high school, and remained on the farm until graduation. He then went to Chicago, in 1889, and clerked there in a retail store. In 1894 he removed to Clinton and bought out a drug store at No. 1020 West Fourth street, and has been here ever since. His business was very small to begin with, but has since grown to large proportions, due to his good management. In politics he is a Republican on national issues, but votes independently on local affairs. He is a member of the Western Star Lodge of Masons, of the Elks, and of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Evans was married in 1896 to Edna L. Mitchell, a native of Clinton, daughter of William F. Mitchell, an old settler who came here when a boy. They are the parents of one very attractive little daughter, Mae Leverge.

Mr. Evans' maternal grandparents were Peter and Isabel (Gary) Wingert, natives of Maryland, but of Pennsylvania-German descent. They came west to Peoria, Illinois, remained there but a short time and then came to York Prairie, Iowa.

Mr. Evans is one of the most progressive druggists in the city and has a thoroughly up-to-date and well equipped drug store. He is very successful in attracting trade, acting on the maxim that a satisfied customer is the best trade getter. Personally, he is a man of splendid character and high standing in the community.

MILO J. JOHN.

The enterprising business man whose name heads this article is clearly entitled to specific mention in this work. Carefully brought up in his home, and well instructed in the principles of living by his patriotic father, he has been since faithful to his teachings, and has lived a life in accordance, which has brought him business success and has won for him the esteem of the people of his city.

Milo J. John was born in Springfield, Ohio, July 28, 1856, the son of Howard D. and Eliza (Powell) John. His paternal grandparents were Peter and ——— (Stough) John, the John family being an old Virginia family of Welsh descent. They, after the birth of their son Peter, moved from Virginia to Pennsylvania, and there died. The maternal grandparents were

Benjamin, a native of Kentucky, and Elvira (Winans) Powell, who very early located in Ohio, where their family were born and where they died.

Howard D. John was married in Ohio, and was a carpenter in Springfield. When the war broke out he enlisted in April, 1861, in Company I, Second Ohio Volunteers, and was first lieutenant at the battle of Bull Run. Later he organized a company which joined the Eighty-sixth Ohio as Company I, with him as captain. After his second term of enlistment expired, he enlisted again, and was elected colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio, and served in that capacity for some time. His wife died in 1863. After the war Colonel John took up the carpenter's trade, and followed it until his death, in Springfield, Ohio, on August 24, 1882. He was much respected in his community.

Milo John was one of two children of his parents, his brother Charles R., now living in Colorado. Milo attended the public schools, and Wittenburg College at Springfield. He entered the drug business and worked at it there for three years and a half. For the same length of time he was engaged in the business at Columbus, then returned to Springfield for a year. In 1884 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and went into partnership with George Bacon, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Third street, under the name of John & Bacon, continuing four years, when Mr. John, having meanwhile married, sold out and went to Des Moines. Four years later he returned to Clinton, and there, with John Smith and H. E. Byrum, now the second vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, organized the Clinton Fruit & Produce Company. This lasted three years, then, in 1896, Mr. John bought out the business at his old stand, and has since carried on a drug store and pharmacy at that place, under the name of Milo J. John & Company, the store being one of the best appointed and largest in the city. Mr. John is a director and vice-president of the Tri-City Telephone Company. In politics he is a Republican, but frequently votes independently. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, and is a member of Emulation Lodge, Keystone Chapter, Holy Cross Commandery and Cincinnati Consistory. He is a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion, being qualified for membership as the son of an officer who served in the war of the Rebellion.

Mr. John was married on October 20, 1887, to Maude Thayer, second daughter of Judge E. H. Thayer, an old settler here, though she was born in Muscatine. They are the parents of two children, Dorette and Edward, a student in the Clinton high school.

Mr. John is prominent in many circles of Clinton, is a business man of high order, and one who has deservedly many friends in the city and county.

WALDA M. GRUMSTRUP.

No wide-awake student of modern conditions can fail to perceive the industrial problems which threaten us, and to realize that there must soon be a readjustment of such conditons, or else, if such does not peacefully take place, there will be a violent settlement. Of course, all hope for a peaceful and gradual adjustment, but the measures necessary to relieve the evil conditions are all more or less socialistic. Government is trending slowly in a socialistic direction, and many of the old party leaders today are uttering statements which would have branded them as rabid Socialists a few years ago. Perhaps we shall never see pure socialism, but all parties are now uniting on schemes socialistic in their nature, and we cannot tell what progress may bring forth.

Walda M. Grumstrup was born in Denmark on July 12, 1869, a son of Nis and Christena (Everson) Grumstrup. His parents were natives of Denmark, and in 1871 the family came to America, first locating in Delaware, where Nis engaged in railroad work. In 1872 he removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed one year by C. Lamb & Sons, then was employed in Curtis Brothers' sash and door factory for about twenty years. In 1893 he entered the flour and feed business, in which he prospered, and remained in this until 1908, when he retired. His life has been quiet and mostly devoted to his business and his family. He and his wife are still living. They are the parents of two sons and three daughters, all living.

Walda Grumstrup was educated in the Clinton common schools, and at the early age of ten or twelve learned the woodturner's trade, and had charge of Curtiss Brothers' department of wood turning for about sixteen years. Then in 1908 he bought one-fourth of the stock of the Anderson Furniture Company, and since then has been president of that concern. This company employs about fifty men, and makes extension and library tables and kitchen cabinets. Their business extends over Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, South Dakota, and is spreading to other states. Their trade has had a slow, steady and healthy growth. Since Mr. Grumstrup has been president he has added a great deal of improved machinery.

In 1892 Mr. Grumstrup was married to Johanna Johnson, a native of New Zealand, who received the most of her education in that country, her parents coming to this country when she was twelve. She was the daughter of August P. Johnson, a native of Sweden, and Elsie Marrie Geertsen, a native of Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Grumstrup are the parents of three chil-

dren, Harold, in the class of 1911, Clinton high school; Helga, class of 1912, and Loretta.

Mr. Grumstrup is a Republican in politics, but has read widely on socialism, and has made a study of socialistic doctrines. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, and will soon have been a member of that order twenty years. He is also a member of the Danish Society of Mystic Workers. On religious subjects he is very liberal, and has never affiliated with any church. He has thoroughly demonstrated his ability as a business man and a thorough manager, and has caused his factory to prosper during his administration. Personally he is popular among the citizens of Clinton.

HON. JOHN L. WILSON.

Whenever a resident of Clinton county is asked to name the most prominent farmers of the county, there is one name, that of John L. Wilson, of the Walnut Stock farm, which always comes immediately to mind. Mr. Wilson was born on October 25, 1857, on the farm where he now resides, the son of Matthew and Sybbila (Rugh) Wilson, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married. Matthew Wilson was the son of John and Nancy Wilson. John Wilson came to America from Ireland with his parents, who settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, when he was eight years old. He spent his life as a farmer, and died in Allegheny county. In politics he was a strong Democrat, but never cared to hold office. His religious affiliations were with the Presbyterian church.

M. J. Stick, the maternal uncle of Sybbila Wilson, was a Lutheran minister, a native of Germany, who filled important charges. He was also a Democrat, and died in Pennsylvania. His profession made him widely known and he was highly respected and had the confidence and respect of the people. He reared a large family of children.

Matthew Wilson was the second son in a family of three sons and three daughters. Until he was twenty-two years of age he remained at home, then engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and lower Mississippi rivers, as a mate. In these times the river offered many attractions to a young man of spirit. While engaged on the river Mr. Wilson was married and soon left steamboating to go to a farm in Pennsylvania. But, seeking greater opportunities, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855, and rented a farm for two years. He brought with him to this county, his wife and one child, a wagon and team of

horses, and four hundred dollars in money. In 1856 he bought eighty acres which had on it a cheap house, and began to improve the land. He continued to add to his holdings until he owned three hundred and ninety acres of farm land and ninety acres of timber land in Clinton county, and five hundred and twenty acres in Story county, Iowa, with two hundred acres under cultivation. He was a hard working man, a good financier and had a good helpmate, and together they accumulated a large estate. Clinton county was new and undeveloped when he entered it and he helped the moral and social development by all means in his power, aiding in laying the foundations of good government. His property was accumulated by general farming and stock raising, the surplus being very satisfactorily invested in lands. His judgment and business abilities were much above the average. In politics Matthew Wilson was an uncompromising Democrat, but he preferred not to hold office. Having grown up in the Presbyterian faith, he never departed from it. Widely known and highly respected, his honor and integrity were never impeached. On August 27, 1884, he departed this life; his wife had been called on May 17, 1883. She was a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Four children were born to their union, of whom the oldest, Martha, and the youngest, Benjamin F., died in infancy. Anna M., the second child, married James Robb, and they lived for some years on the Story county farm, which was given to his daughter by Mr. Wilson. On account of poor health they rented the farm and moved to Colorado, where they are now living on a fruit farm.

John L. Wilson was reared to farming and stock raising. He attended the district school, and the Clinton Business College, graduating from the latter February 18, 1876. By his father's will he obtained the homestead as his portion, to which he has added one hundred and forty acres, making his total holdings over five hundred acres, among the largest in the county. While carrying on general farming, he has given his attention most prominently to the breeding of standard high-grade stock, Percheron horses, Chester White swine and Polled Durham cattle, all registered. His home place, the Walnut Stock Farm, is one of the best in the state. It is well watered and arranged for stock and highly improved. It is situated about six and one-half miles from Clinton, and is well equipped with two large barns and other outbuildings, and a large three-story house, making a very valuable and desirable property. Mr. Wilson is also a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Lyons and has many other interests.

Mr. Wilson has always affiliated with the Democratic party and is a strong advocate of Democratic principles, being one of the leaders of his party in the county and state. For many years he has worked in the party harness,

filling township and local offices, and serving as committeeman on the county central committee. In 1894 he was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly of the state of Iowa, held this office during the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Assembly and at the expiration of his term was elected to upper house or Senate for the twenty-seventh to the thirty-third sessions, inclusive, and has just been elected for four years more, holding the record for the longest term of continuous service in the Legislature of any man in Iowa. His service has been very satisfactory to his constituents, even more so than is convenient for Mr. Wilson. For a number of years he has sought to retire from politics, but the people nominate and elect him without consulting his feelings, a true case of the office seeking the man. Mr. Wilson, by his long term of service and extensive acquaintance in the state capital, is able to give to his constituents valuable service, and he has been a member of many important committees, in the last session holding the position of chairman of the public lands committee, and serving on the committees on ways and means, appropriations, agriculture, schools, cities and towns, telegraph and telephones, and highways, a list including many of the most important committees, while the chairmanship which he held is one of the most responsible given to a member of the minority party.

Mr. Wilson is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. In fraternal relations he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Eastern Star.

John L. Wilson was married on December 15, 1880, to Susie E. Cook, born in Clinton county, September 25, 1860, the daughter of John B. and Rebecca (Miller) Cook, both natives of Ohio, where they were married. Mr. Cook was a farmer and carpenter, one of the earliest settlers of Clinton county, who became prominent and well-known. He was a strong Republican, but never aspired to office. His death occurred on December 30, 1906; his widow now lives at Lyons, to which city they had retired. They were the parents of eight children: The oldest died in infancy; Martha married Robert Boyd, who died, leaving one daughter, and she later married A. E. Boynton; George F. is a farmer; Susie E. is the wife of the subject; Perry R., a traveling salesman; William, deceased, was a contractor; Anna died at the age of thirteen; Robert was clerk on a steamboat, and was accidentally drowned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of five children: Anna E. died May 2, 1891, aged nine years and seven months; Charles was born October 30, 1883; Ollie R. died May 10, 1891, aged five years and three months, she and Anna dying of diphtheria; John L., Jr., was born November 17, 1887; Clara V. was born August 26, 1892. The children are at home and assist in carry-

ing on the farm. Mrs. Wilson is a lady of much refinement and intelligence and is an active member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Wilson has truly a happy domestic life, and has been fortunate in this, as well as in material success.

JOHN J. BLODT.

Druggists deal very largely in the necessities and conveniences of life. No other merchants keep so varied a line as they and no others have so much responsibility, for a mistake in filling a prescription may cost lives, while in almost any other mercantile business a mistake can only mean the loss of money. The druggist is the one merchant who keeps open at almost all hours; he is the one who is always ready to supply our wants, if it be only to serve a cooling drink, or to fill a highly important prescription, or to sell us some little article of convenience. When we stop to consider the endless variety of articles which we purchase from the druggist, we can no longer wonder that, next to the grocer, the druggist is the most necessary of all merchants. And the city of Clinton has no better supplied drug store, nor none where service is more obliging, than that of Mr. Blodt.

John J. Blodt was born in Lyons, now a part of Clinton, Iowa, May 17, 1865, the son of Matthias and Elizabeth (Hassler) Blodt. His parents were born in Baden, Germany, and came to America in about 1850. They first located in Ohio, but removed to Lyons in 1858, where Mr. Blodt established a baker's shop. He was a hardworking, industrious man and gave his entire attention to his trade. He died in 1887. His wife is now living in Clinton. Six of their eight children are living.

John J. Blodt was educated in the Central school of Lyons and Clinton, now the Jefferson school. He then spent two years in Milwaukee College, and one year in Mt. Calvary College, in Wisconsin. In 1886 he returned to Clinton and began to work in the drug store of Milo J. John, staying with him five years. In 1891 he went west, and the next year returned and married. He was employed in different drug stores and for several years had charge of W. M. Desmond's store. In 1901 he bought the store at No. 118 South Second street and in 1905 built a store of his own at No. 116 South Second street. Here he is still located and has more than doubled his business since starting. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias, of which he was for five years chairman of the board of trustees, and now is secretary.

Mr. Blodt was married in 1892 to Ida L. Bagley, of Clinton, daughter of George W. and Mary Jane Bagley, old residents of Clinton. To their union two children have been born, Marguerite and Harold John.

Mr. Blodt is well thought of and highly regarded by those who best know him. In business he is alert and aggressive and thus has prospered and has encouraging future prospects. He takes much pride in the appearance and stocking of his store.

MATZEN & HANSEN.

Herein we mention a firm composed of young and enterprising business men, who have been engaged but a short time in their present business, but in that short time have shown their equipment in the qualities which make for success and the results of their training in the school of experience, and they have taken their place in the front rank of Clinton's commercial life.

Frank Joseph Matzen was born in Clinton, Iowa, May 12, 1879, the son of Peter Matzen, born in Germany, and Anna (Traeger) Matzen, born in Galena, Illinois, August 22, 1855. Peter Matzen came to America when a young man, and for many years conducted a retail clothing store in Clinton under the name of Matzen & Bockel Company. Later in life he was engaged in the insurance business, in which he continued until his death, in 1881. He was a man of strong character and highly respected. He and his wife were the parents of four children, Frank Joseph, Mrs. Anna Maxheim, Peter and Mrs. Louise Hansen. The mother died when Frank Joseph was five years old.

Frank Matzen was educated in the Clinton schools and in 1895 began working for W. L. Hale, the grocer, and continued with him until he went out of business, gaining under him much valuable experience. On June 25, 1910, he and John C. Hansen bought out the old Hale grocery, one of the first established in Clinton, and have since been conducting it.

Mr. Matzen was married on December 15, 1905, to Clara E. Hansen, who was born in Clinton, the daughter of Godber and Wipke Hansen.

John C. Hansen was born in Clinton, Iowa, December 27, 1870, the son of Godber Hansen, who was born in Germany in December, 1843, and Wipke (Tolk) Hansen, born in Germany, March 7, 1846. Godber Hansen and his wife came to this country in 1865 or 1866, and were married in 1868 in Clinton, Iowa. In the early eighties Mr. Hansen entered the retail grocery business, and continued in it until 1890. Since that time he has been engaged as a general contractor. He served the Democratic party as county

supervisor from 1889 to 1893, and has also been alderman from the first ward of Clinton. He has been faithful to the interests of the people in his official capacities, and has gained the esteem of those who know him. John C. Hansen has two brothers, Alfred and Fred G., and four sisters, Minnie, Mrs. Clara Matzen, Mrs. Amanda Hagen and Alma.

John C. Hansen attended the Clinton public schools, then for five years he worked for his father in his grocery store. For three years he was engaged in bridge building, then from 1891 until 1900 was in the Clinton fire department, following which for ten years he was in the saloon business, for six years of that time in the Turner Hall. In June, 1910, he entered with his brother-in-law, Frank J. Matzen, as partner in a retail grocery at No. 216 South Fourth street. Fraternally, he is a member of the Turner Society and of the Eagles.

Mr. Hansen was married on April 18, 1894, to Christine Andresen, who was born in Clinton, the daughter of Julius and Eliza Andresen, early settlers of Clinton. (See sketch elsewhere of the Andresen family.) They are the parents of the following children: Alvin, Ethel, Leona, Edna, Hilma, Edwin, Louis, and Harold, deceased. They are as bright and attractive a family of young people as one would wish to see.

Mr. Matzen and Mr. Hansen are courteous and accommodating, energetic and enterprising, and have many friends. They are the proprietors of a very neat grocery, in which their goods are well arranged for display, and show that they thoroughly understand the essentials of their business. They handle a fresh line of staple and fancy groceries of every kind, and enjoy a large and constantly increasing patronage.

OLIN E. HILL.

A young man who by careful attention to his work and by thorough grounding in the principles of the responsible profession of pharmacist, has made his place of business one of the best known and most frequented of its kind in the city, and who has gained for himself a reputation for reliability, progressiveness and sterling character,—to write of such a man is a pleasing task.

Olin E. Hill was born in Clinton, Iowa, son of Joseph and Dora S. (Smith) Hill. His father was born in Massachusetts, his mother in Vermont, and they came to Iowa in 1863, and located in Clinton, where his father had charge of the waterworks west of the city for the Chicago & Northwestern

railroad many years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom six are living. The mother is living and the father died in 1896. He lived a quiet life, and gave his entire attention to his work and his family, in which he took much pleasure and pride.

Olin Hill received his earlier education in the public schools of Clinton, and later attended the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated. On January 1, 1896, he became a partner of Mr. Ludolph in the drug business, under the firm name of Ludolph & Hill. This partnership continued for ten years when Mr. Hill bought Mr. Ludolph out and continues the business at the same location, No. 922 South Fourth street, in the same room in which, as a boy, he worked and learned the beginnings of the business, and first found his bent towards his present profession. In politics he is a Republican and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. His fraternal membership is with the Emulation Lodge of Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the American Lodge of Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Hill was married on June 2, 1897, to Lula M. Smith, a native of Clinton, daughter of George S. Smith. No children have been born to them, but they have adopted one child.

Mr. Hill is much devoted to his business, and is a man whose life and character speak for themselves of their worth to those who know him, of whom there are many in Clinton, and many who are glad to consider him their friend.

HOBART E. MARTIN, M. D.

To the ambitious man of scientific tastes nothing offers a more inviting profession than medicine. Much as has been accomplished in that realm, our knowledge is still comparatively vague and brief, and the young man of medical training, with clear and acute senses and good reasoning powers, is situated where he has endless opportunities for discoveries which may further the cause of health, add to human knowledge and bring to him the consciousness of merited achievement.

Hobart E. Martin was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, March 1, 1878, the son of George A. and Addie (Snow) Martin, his father born in New York, his mother in New Hampshire. His paternal grandparents were Albert and Carrie Martin, who spent their lives in New York. His maternal grandparents were Dr. Louis and Harriet (Hobart) Snow, who resided in New Hampshire throughout their lives. Harriet Hobart was a sister of the father of Garrett A. Hobart, who was Vice-President under President McKinley.

George A. Martin was a member of the Vermont Volunteer Infantry and served throughout the war, being for a while in the hospital corps. After the war he went to New Hampshire and was married. He lived there until 1895, when he moved to Boone, Iowa, where he died in 1897. All his life he was a practicing physician, a close student who gave all his time to his professional work. His wife died in 1888. They were the parents of two sons, both of whom are physicians, and two daughters.

Hobart E. Martin was educated at Hyde Park, Massachusetts, and graduated in medicine from the Iowa State University in 1901. He practiced in Elvira, Iowa, for six years, and then moved to Lyons, where he has since engaged in practice. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Iowa State and of the Rock River Medical Societies, and in his fraternal relations is an Elk. His wife and children are members of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Martin was married on November 28, 1900, to Bertha Phillips, a native of West Liberty, Iowa, and daughter of N. M. and Mary Philips, who came here from Virginia at an early time. To their union three bright and interesting children have been born, Hobart E., Jr., Muriel and Vivian.

Doctor Martin is a young man of great promise. He is enjoying a comparatively large practice and has been successful. He possesses the qualities which go to make up the reliable practitioner and has the confidence of the people. Personally he is very popular and we are glad to record the history of such as he.

HENRY WARNING.

It would be interesting to trace the evolution of furniture from the stones and blocks of wood used as seats in the earliest times and the heaps of boughs used as beds, to the light and comfortable chairs and the iron-frame beds used today. Perhaps it would be more interesting to trace the various styles of furniture which have prevailed throughout the different periods, some of them ugly and cumbersome, some of them triumphs of artistic merit. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch has long been connected with different aspects of the furniture business, and is now concerned in a factory which is one of the important enterprises of Clinton, and which turns out a line of furniture well designed, with special attention both to artistic appearance and to durability in service, in both of which the product of his factory excels.

Henry Warning was born in Stratford, Canada, December 18, 1861,

the son of Fred and Emily (Kreich) Warning. His parents were natives of Germany and came to Canada single, at the respective ages of seventeen and fourteen, and settled in Montreal. Fred Warning was a carpenter by trade, and in 1864 moved to Chicago and was there engaged in contracting until his death. He gave his attention almost entirely to his trade and his family and was a much respected man. He died November 1, 1907, and his wife on March 14, 1893. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living.

Henry Warning attended the common schools of the city of Chicago. He learned the woodturner's trade, and followed that from 1877 until 1906. He lived in Chicago until 1897, when he moved to Lyons, Iowa, and here followed the same trade with M. A. Disbrow & Company. In 1906, in company with the two Messrs. Grumstrup, mentioned in this work, he bought out the Anderson Furniture Company and they reorganized it and have since carried it on. In politics, Mr. Warning is generally a Republican, but sometimes votes independently. His family are members of the Methodist church, but he is liberal in religious views. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen.

Mr. Warning was married on May 25, 1887, to Theresa Weiss, daughter of John and Mary Weiss, old settlers of Saginaw, Michigan. They are the parents of four children: Edna, deceased; Gertrude, a teacher in the public schools of Clinton county; Caroline, a student of the Lyons high school, in her junior year; and Willard, a pupil in the common schools.

Mr. Warning is thoroughly familiar with the furniture business, having learned all branches of the industry thoroughly, and is a competent business man. He has many friends in the city and is highly respected.

REUBEN CHARLES HART.

One of the younger citizens of Clinton, who has stamped the impress of his strong individuality upon the minds of the people of Clinton county in such a manner as to render him one of the conspicuous characters of this locality, is Reuben Charles Hart, the well known and able civil engineer. He was born on June 21, 1870, at Lyons, Iowa, and is the son of John S. and Harriet (Clark) Hart. The father is the son of Philip and Mary (McMahon) Hart. Philip Hart came to this country from Ireland where he was born in 1811, reaching Canada in 1832. He was a Democrat and a devout Roman Catholic.

John S. Hart came to Lyons, Iowa, in 1866, later moving to Clinton where he was in business for many years. He is a Democrat and thirty-second-degree Mason.

Reuben C. Hart was educated in the schools of Clinton, and, entering the service of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, obtained, while in the civil engineering department of this road, a practical education in civil engineering, which profession he now follows. After ten years in railroad work, he entered the service of the city of Clinton in March, 1902, as assistant city engineer. In November, 1902, he was elected to the office of county surveyor and in March, 1908, to that of city engineer of Clinton, both of which offices he still holds. He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, charter member of the American Society of Engineering Contractors and a member of the Iowa Engineering Society. As a public servant his course has been marked by fidelity to duty and a high grade of ability. Politically, he is a Democrat, and is prominent in political affairs, also in lodge circles, being a thirty-second-degree Mason.

Mr. Hart was married in 1895 to Martha Connor, of Clinton, and they have resided in this city since that time.

ERIC C. MATSON.

That America still means "opportunity" is evidenced in the case of Mr. Matson, still a comparatively young man, who came to this country at the age of twenty with no fortune save his own clear brain and strong body and the inheritance of the good Danish blood, which flows in the veins of a race of powerful men of marked capabilities and endowments. With nothing save this equipment, he has brought himself through various vicissitudes of fortune to the position of one of the prosperous business men of his city, owing his advancement to the aid of no one and being truly self-made.

Eric C. Matson was born in Denmark on September 2, 1860. He received his education in the excellent schools of his native country and, feeling that opportunities would be greater in the new world, he came to America in 1880, not stopping until he reached Clinton, Iowa, which has since been his home. He was a general workingman up until 1895, when he bought a line of oil tank wagons from Ham Blackledge, an old settler, and for fifteen years was engaged in this business, in which he accumulated quite a little property. In 1910 Mr. Matson purchased the Northwestern Steam Laundry, and in the short time that he has been its owner has thoroughly

demonstrated his capacity in its management. This is a steam laundry, with full modern equipment, capable of doing the best of work and with the best of facilities for quick and complete service. Mr. Matson believes in satisfying his patrons, and by doing so is building up an increased business, every day gaining in amount. In politics Mr. Matson is independent, voting for the man whom he thinks will best fill the office and not for a party emblem. Fraternally, he is a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

In April, 1885, Eric C. Matson was married to Hansina Anderson, of Clinton, who was born in Germany. To this union five children have been born, namely: Arthur, now of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Walter, of Clinton; Helen and Frances, at home; and Olga, who is the bookkeeper in her father's laundry.

Mr. Matson is a business man of recognized integrity and keen acumen. Beginning life with nothing, in a foreign country, he has by his own efforts gained a competence and lifted himself to a position of honor and influence, commanding the respect of his neighbors. He has many friends, who are glad because of his success.

JERRY WOLFE, V. S.

In his chosen field of endeavor Dr. Jerry Wolfe, of Grand Mound, Orange township, Clinton county, has achieved success such as few attain and his present eminent standing among the veterinary surgeons of eastern Iowa is duly recognized and appreciated not only in his own town and township, but throughout the county and in adjoining localities, and as a citizen he easily ranks with the most progressive and influential in his vicinity. His course has ever been above suspicion, and those favored with an intimate acquaintance with him are profuse in their praise of his many virtues and upright character.

Doctor Wolfe is a native of Liberty township, Clinton county, Iowa, having been born here on August 16, 1875, and he is the son of James B. and Anna (O'Connor) Wolfe, and a nephew of Judge P. B. Wolfe, well known in judicial circles of Clinton county. The father was born in Ireland, and the mother's birth occurred in Jackson county, Iowa.

The Doctor was reared on a farm, where he worked in the fields during the summer months and attended the public schools in the wintertime at Lost Nation. Later he spent three years at the Iowa State Teachers' College, and one year at the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa. He ap-

plied himself very closely to his text-books and made rapid progress, receiving a high education along general lines. Deciding to turn his attention to veterinary surgery, he took the course at the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated with honor in 1905. Soon afterwards he returned to Clinton county and located at Grand Mound, where he has since remained, having been very successful from the first, and he has built up a large and ever-growing patronage, his services being in great demand. He has been very successful in his chosen calling and he keeps abreast of the times in all discoveries, research work and whatever pertains to veterinary surgery.

While in college Doctor Wolfe was the champion foot racer of the state of Iowa, and he has thirty-seven gold medals and seventeen silver medals. He became widely known as a foot racer and athlete.

The Doctor is chief of the fire department at Grand Mound, and he has built up a very proficient and reliable force of fire fighters here. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Catholic church and faithful in their attendance and support of the same.

On February 11, 1909, the marriage of Doctor Wolfe and Mary Wiley, of Chicago, was solemnized. She is a native of Horton, Kansas, having been born on August 23, 1887. She is a lady of education and culture and the representative of an excellent and highly honored family. To the Doctor and wife one child, James Wiley, has been born, his birth being recorded as April 7, 1910. Doctor Wolfe is a life member of the Chicago Veterinary Society.

CLINTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

No history of Clinton county, Iowa, would be complete were there failure to give a conspicuous review of the Clinton Business College, which is under the able management of B. J. Heflin, whose every effort to advance the cause of education here has been promptly recognized and appreciated, the business public co-operating to make this one of the most thorough and popular institutions of its kind in the state. During the past years of its organization as an institution established to promote the highest principles of business education, it has based its claim upon merit alone. The success achieved has been accomplished by devotion to the individual wants and requirements of those who have come within its doors seeking the practical things of life, and by strict fidelity to all students. The watchword of the institution has ever been "Progress," and no legitimate effort has ever been spared to promote the

interest of its patrons and the advancement of the pupils. Many years of faithful work have earned for this school the reputation it now enjoys. Thousands of dollars invested in the furnishing of appliances for the comfort and advancement of its students, and the selection of teachers who exactly fill their places, is an indelible stamp upon its loyalty.

The Clinton Business College is fortunately located in one of the best cities in the state, which offers special advantages to those contemplating taking a course in a first-class business college, and at the same time prospecting for a more permanent position or paying business than they now have. The reason for this is, Clinton has more enterprise, better natural facilities, more railroads, and more money invested in manufacturing enterprises, and is enjoying better growth than any other city in the state. This college is located at Nos. 101-103 Fifth avenue, covering over eight thousand five hundred square feet of floor space, situated on the second floor of the Shoecraft block, a central location in a healthful part of the city, on two street car lines, near the railroad depots, and only one block from the principal hotels. The rooms are nicely furnished, well lighted and ventilated, heated by steam and fitted with gas and electric lights, pleasant and easy of access. School is in session throughout the year except on legal holidays and a short vacation in August. The work in this school is so arranged that pupils may enter at any time and they are placed in suitable classes. The year's work is not divided into terms, and examinations are held at the end of each month. A valuable course of lectures is given during the school year, by the business and professional men of the city. This school has always striven for neatness, accuracy and speed, and superior results have been reached. The reasonable but firm discipline which daily surrounds the student in this school tends to establish habits that business men will commend. Every detail of actual office work that can be incorporated into the work of a school has been added here, the students receiving the most practical kind of training, so, practically, nothing is left to be learned by the pupil when he enters the office of his employer. The touch typewriting system and the Chartier system of shorthand, and all of the most advanced, yet most practical and simplest, methods and systems are used in this school, hence rapid progress is made and the very best results obtained.

The course of study is interesting and made most attractive to the student, being thorough and standard. It includes: Business course, embracing bookkeeping, arithmetic, commercial law, penmanship, business correspondence, grammar, rapid calculation, business practice, spelling; shorthand course, embracing shorthand, typewriting, grammar, business correspondence, spelling,

arithmetic, rapid calculation, model office work, penmanship; combined course, embracing bookkeeping, business practice, arithmetic, commercial law, penmanship, business correspondence, grammar, spelling, rapid calculation, shorthand, typewriting and model office work.

Mr. Heflin is aided by a very carefully selected and capable corps of instructors, the best in their departments that can be obtained, and everything is under a superb system and remarkable results are quickly obtained. The city of Clinton is justly proud of such an institution which would be a credit to any community, in fact, its value to the industrial life of the locality could not be estimated.

It is a worthy privilege to be able here to acquaint the citizens of Clinton county with a brief personal biography of the gentleman who has labored to such goodly ends in building up this meritorious institution, and the closing paragraphs of this review will have to do with President Benjamin Heflin, who was born December 23, 1869, at Galesburg, Illinois. He is the son of Alexander and Matilda (Brown) Heflin, the father born May 15, 1839, and the mother on April 4, 1844, both natives of Galesburg, Illinois. The elder Heflin devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, spending his life on a farm of about three hundred acres, which was secured from the government by the paternal grandfather, Reuben Heflin, who came to Illinois at a very early date, buying the land at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. The same is now very valuable. Reuben Heflin set out a five-acre orchard, and it was not an uncommon sight to see the orchard surrounded by moving wagons on their way west, for the Heflin farm was an excellent place to camp over night.

Alexander Heflin and wife are still living, now being retired, having moved from their farm into a cozy home in Galesburg, Illinois. Seven children were born to them.

Benjamin J. Heflin, of this review, received his early education in the public schools of Galesburg, subsequently attending the Dixon Normal School, from which he was graduated. He was also graduated from the Iowa Commercial College at Davenport, Iowa. Thus being well equipped for his life work, he came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1892, and became president of the Clinton Business College and has very faithfully discharged the duties of the same to the present time, this institution having had a steady growth under his judicious management.

Mr. Heflin was married on December 27, 1897, to Gertrude Garrett, and this union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Benjamin Harrison and William Jackson.

WILLIS E. KEITH, M. D.

There is no class to whom greater gratitude is due from the world at large than the self-sacrificing, sympathetic, noble-minded men whose life-work is the alleviation of suffering and the ministering of comfort to the afflicted, to the end that the span of human existence may be lengthened and a greater degree of satisfaction enjoyed during the remainder of their sojourn. There is no standard by which their beneficent influence can be measured; their helpfulness is limited only by the extent of their knowledge and skill, while their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that spring from the very source of life itself. Among the physicians and surgeons of Clinton county, who, while yet young in years, have risen to eminence in their chosen calling and to whom the future fields of endeavor beckon with great promise is Dr. Willis E. Keith, of Clinton, whose career has been that of a broad-minded, conscientious worker in the sphere to which his life and energies have been devoted and whose profound knowledge has won for him a leading place among the distinguished medical men of eastern Iowa.

Doctor Keith was born in Clinton, Iowa, on December 14, 1882, and is the son of Charles S. and Elizabeth (Guiney) Keith, living at No. 627 Fourth avenue, Clinton. He was educated in the Clinton high school and grew to maturity in his home city, spending his youth in an uneventful manner. Early in life he evinced a laudable ambition to take up the study of medicine and he began bending every effort in that direction. He entered the medical department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the University of Illinois, and there made a brilliant record for scholarship, being graduated from that institution in 1907. He did hospital work in Chicago for nine months in order to further equip himself for his life work. Thus well prepared to engage in general practice, he returned to Clinton county and opened an office at Grand Mound, where he remained one year, being very successful from the first and soon taking a high rank among the medical men of this locality. In 1908 he went to Lost Nation, where he enjoyed a still larger patronage. He recently went to Europe, taking post-graduate work on eye, ear, throat and nose in London, Vienna and Berlin; he also took post-graduate work in New York and Philadelphia, and he will no doubt make great strides as a surgeon and general practitioner, having had the very best training which the world offers in medical science, and knowing his keen powers of observation and acute faculties for assimilation, he will no doubt make the most of every advantage. On his return from Europe Doctor Keith located in Clinton, where he is now engaged in the active practice of his profession.

The Doctor has remained unmarried. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1910 he was a candidate for county coroner, his candidacy being looked upon with much favor by all, irrespective of party alignment, for all recognized his ability to serve exceptionally well in this important office. He is a member of the Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternity, and fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star at Lost Nation, also the DeMolay Consistory at Clinton.

ALF. E. CORRELL.

The subject of this sketch, a leading farmer of Berlin township and a representative of two old and highly esteemed families of eastern Iowa, is a native of Clinton county and dates his birth from February 12, 1866. His paternal ancestors were among the early settlers of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where his grandfather, Jacob Correll, son of Abraham and Anna Correll, was born in the year 1815. Jacob Correll went to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836, and was there married on March 19, 1839, to Catherine Floyd, whose birth occurred in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1814. After living in Ohio until 1854, this couple moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and took up a tract of government land in Berlin township, which Mr. Correll improved and converted into a fine farm and on which the two spent the remainder of their lives. Among the children of Jacob and Catherine Correll was a son Abram, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, July 25, 1840, and who married in his young manhood Alma Simpson, who was born March 10, 1841, in Onondaga county, New York, having been a daughter of John and Mary (Walrod) Simpson, also natives of the Empire state. In the fall of 1847 the Simpsons moved to St. Clair county, Michigan, where they lived the ensuing three years, then settled in Clinton county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Simpson dying in 1863, her husband three years later. Jacob and Mary (Brant) Walrod, parents of Mrs. John Simpson, moved from Cherry Valley, New York, to Onondaga county, that state, in a very early day, being accompanied by the former's aged mother and three brothers, and were among the early pioneers of the locality in which they settled. Mrs. Walrod departed this life aged thirty-seven years, and about 1845 James, the elder son, moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where he figured quite conspicuously during the pioneer period.

Abram Correll moved with his parents to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1854,

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and the following year located in Berlin township, where the Simpson family had previously settled. The marriage of Abram Correll and Alma Simpson, referred to above, was solemnized in 1862, two years after which he bought the farm of eighty acres now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch, and in due time became one of the leading agriculturists and representative citizens of the township. He served in various official capacities, including two and one-half years as county supervisor, several terms as township trustee, and took an active part in public affairs, having been a local leader of considerable importance in the community. He reared a family of seven children, five of whom are living, and died on February 19, 1909, his faithful wife and companion departing this life on the 29th of March ensuing. Daniel and Samuel Correll, brothers of Abram, served with distinction in the late Civil war, and Horace Simpson, a brother of Mrs. Correll, was a soldier also and earned an honorable record for bravery during the Rebellion.

The early life of Alf. E. Correll was about the same as that of the majority of lads reared in the rural districts, having been divided between labor in the fields during the spring and summer seasons, and in the district schools during the winter months. Amid the bracing air of the country and under the wholesome influence of his excellent parents, he grew up with a proper appreciation of life and its responsibilities, and after the death of his father he bought two hundred acres of the home farm and applied his energies to agriculture and stock raising. Since then his progress has been continuous and eminently satisfactory and today he ranks among the leading farmers of his township and county, besides gaining a wide reputation for his success as a breeder and raiser of stock, making high-grade cattle and hogs his specialties.

Mr. Correll is a Republican, and while zealous in upholding the principles of his party, he can hardly be called a politician, much less an aspirant for public preferment. However, he has served his township one term as clerk and could have any office within the gift of the people did he see fit to accept such honors. He keeps abreast of the times on the great questions concerning which public sentiment is divided and, being a reader and close observer, he has broad and liberal views of men and affairs, which he expresses freely and fearlessly when it seems necessary to do so. Fraternally, he is an influential member of the Odd Fellows and Pythian orders and in his relations with his fellow-men endeavors to exemplify the beautiful and sublime principles upon which these organizations are based. Personally, he is genial and companionable, the soul of honor in all his dealings, and his character and integrity have been above the breath of suspicion.

On January 25, 1893, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Correll and Fannie Cortright, of Page county, Iowa, whose parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Jane (Burket) Cortright, are among the well-known and highly esteemed members of the community in which they live. Mr. Cortright is a native of Pennsylvania, his wife having been born and reared near Dixon, Illinois. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Correll is without issue, nevertheless they are greatly interested in young people, and have made themselves quite popular among the juveniles of their neighborhood.

Mr. Cortright, father of Mrs. Correll, served with great distinction through the entire Civil war, as did two of his brothers. The same should be said of a brother of Mrs. Correll's mother, he having also served the entire duration of the Civil war.

WILLIAM WHITE.

In Lincoln township, Clinton county, are to be found many farmers who seem to have a tendency to specialize along some line that strikes their fancy; whether this plan is a wise one or not is a debatable question, some maintaining that when such a line of procedure is adhered to that other as equally important phases of farm work are neglected and loss thereby incurred. One of the agriculturists of Lincoln township who has made a success of general farming, in developing many phases of his vocation, is William White. He is a native of this township, having been born here on November 18, 1859, and he is the son of James and Keziah (Dixon) White; they were born in Derby, Derbyshire, England, and Clearfield, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father came to America in 1844 and located in Pittsburg. Having heard of the new country opening up west of the Mississippi river, in 1852, he came west in true pioneer fashion, to Davenport, Iowa, where he spent a year, then, in the spring of 1853, he walked to Clinton county, moving to the place on which John Dixon now lives. He remained there one year, then he moved to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he had previously purchased, and which he broke and improved. In the fall of 1859 he began erecting large and substantial buildings on his place, and he became one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers of that community. His death occurred on July 13, 1900, his widow having survived until April 21, 1905. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living.

James White, the father, worked seven years on a farm near Pittsburg,

Pennsylvania, and two years in the mines there, and he married while living in Pennsylvania. He took considerable interest in local political affairs and held a number of township offices, such as trustee, school director, treasurer of the school board, etc. He was instrumental in securing the separation of this township from Clinton.

William White was educated in the common schools of Lincoln township, and he was reared on the farm which he worked upon when a mere lad and he has made farming his vocation and has been very successful. When his father died he already owned a half section, so he sold the old place and kept the one he had. Besides general farming, he pays particular attention to raising, feeding and marketing cattle and hogs, no small part of his income being derived from this source. However, he is now living in practical retirement, having recently purchased a home in Clinton where he now resides. He is independent in politics. He has been a delegate to state conventions and has frequently held local offices. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and in religious matters he is a Presbyterian and a liberal supporter of the local church. In fact, he has always been found on the right side of all questions.

Mr. White was married on June 15, 1885, to Mina Ayou, a native of Lyons, Iowa, and the daughter of Joseph and Jennie Ayou, old settlers, who came here from Canada about 1855. Mr. Ayou was a soldier in the Civil war. He is still living and is a highly respected citizen of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. White three children have been born, namely: James, Ruth, the wife of Herbert Paul, and Kittie.

JAMES PETERSON.

A well known business man in Clinton is James Peterson, a man who is always ready to defend the soundness of his principles and opinions on the questions of the day, a man who is popular with the people of his adopted city, and who has been found ready at all times to encourage and aid all laudable measures and enterprises for the general good. By a life consistent in motive and because of his many fine qualities, he has earned the sincere regard of all who know him.

Mr. Peterson was born in Denmark, October 20, 1853, and is the son of Henry and Mary K. Peterson, both also born in Denmark. The father was a noted landscape gardener, and he served in this capacity for a period of forty-one years for one minister and an account of his life and work as a

gardener has been written by the government. He is now seventy-eight years old and is still active. His wife died several years ago and their only child is the subject of this sketch.

James Peterson was educated in the schools of Denmark and when sixteen years of age he came to America and located in Shibula, Iowa. After remaining there a short time, he came to Clinton in 1872 and entered the lumber establishment of C. Lamb & Sons, and remained in their employ for a period of nineteen years, being still interested in that business. He established a small box factory at the intersection of Franklin avenue and the Northwestern tracks, employing fifteen or twenty hands, and finally it increased in magnitude until one hundred hands were employed.

From 1892 to 1896 Mr. Peterson and Mr. Bell formed a partnership and in 1896 the company was incorporated with Mr. Peterson as president and treasurer, Mr. Bell as secretary, and Mr. Matthews as vice-president. The products of this factory went principally to Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska. They made all kinds of wooden boxes and enjoyed a large and increasing patronage until they closed the factory and quit the business on May 1, 1910. At that time Mr. Peterson became interested in the Fish Brothers Wagon Works, the officers of the same being George M. Curtis, president; H. W. Seaman, vice-president; C. B. Mills, treasurer; F. B. Watt, secretary. A large business is carried on here and an excellent class of work turned out.

Politically, Mr. Peterson is a Republican and he has long taken more or less interest in local political affairs. He very ably and faithfully discharged the duties of mayor of Clinton for one term. He entered the city council in 1900 and served four years from the fifth ward. He was also a member of the school board for three successive terms, or a period of nine years, from 1894 to 1903. He has done much for the general good of the city and has always been found on the right side of all questions looking to the betterment of local conditions. Mr. Peterson belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Wapsipinicon Club.

Mr. Peterson was married on December 13, 1873, to Catherine M. Smith, a native of Denmark, and this union has resulted in the birth of three sons and one daughter, namely: John C., deceased; Albert, who is operating a box factory at Ottumwa, Iowa; Minnie B., living at home; James C., also living at home.

Mr. Peterson has been successful in business and is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, considering the fact that he started in life practically empty handed and has not had the assistance of any one. He was one of the organizers of the American Wire Cloth Company,

and he served as its president for two years, and is now secretary of the same. He is vice-president of the Land Timber Company, whose holdings are in Oregon, and he is president of the Clinton Timber Company, whose holdings are in the state of Washington.

EDWARD M. KEHOE.

Individual enterprise, which is so justly the boast of the American people, is strikingly exhibited in the career of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch, for he has fought his own way onward and upward from none too favorable environment to a position of prominence in the business and social world of Clinton. Being a man of indomitable energy and unwilling to be subdued by the usual reverses of life, he has removed one by one the obstacles in his pathway and is eminently deserving of the success he has achieved and the popularity which is today his.

Mr. Kehoe is a native of the city of Clinton, having been born here on September 2, 1870, and he is the son of an excellent family, Thomas and Margaret (Foley) Kehoe. The father was born in 1820 in Ireland and there grew to maturity and was educated. He emigrated to America in 1855 and settled at Alexander, Virginia, where he conducted a mercantile business and became an influential citizen. He desired to cast his lot in a new and more enterprising country, and accordingly came West in 1860 and located at Clinton, Iowa. He worked as a foreman in a grain elevator for some time and afterwards owned and operated a stone quarry in Lyons. He became well established here and he lived to an advanced age, dying in 1903. He was a member of the Catholic church and very faithful in his allegiance to the same, while, politically, he was a Democrat. He was a man of intelligence, broad-minded and of high character, and was held in high esteem for his clean principles and his generous impulses. Before leaving Ireland he was married to Margaret Foley, who was born in 1823, and she proved to be a most faithful helpmeet, and was a good woman, kind and gentle to all. Her death occurred in 1905. This union resulted in the birth of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: John, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary E., wife of E. Keating, of Clinton; Edward M., of this review.

The subject received a good common school education and during his early life worked on the river and in a stone quarry. He was always a hard worker, and by economy saved his money until he had a start. In 1903 he

purchased the Hotel Columbia in Clinton, a popular and well managed house, which is neatly kept and whose service is the best. It has thirty rooms, well furnished, and guests here receive the utmost consideration, everything being done for their comfort and convenience, consequently the house is well known and popular with the traveling public, Mr. Kehoe being a genial, obliging and generous host who understands well every detail of managing a modern hotel. In 1905 he started the Brunswick billiard parlor and cigar store, which has proven to be a very popular gathering place for the young men about town and is very extensively patronized, as is also the Brunswick Mission billiard parlor and cigar store, which he opened in 1910, in Fulton, Illinois.

Mr. Kehoe is known to the local sporting world, being vice-president of the local club of the Central Base Ball Association which he manages in a very able and worthy manner, and he assisted in the organization of the Northern Association in 1909, of which he was elected vice-president in 1910. He is independent in politics, preferring to vote for the best man rather than the party. He was reared in the Catholic faith, from which he has never departed. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Kehoe will open a new hotel in Clinton May 1, 1911, to be known as The Kehoe, a European hotel, with hot and cold water in fifty-one rooms, being located at Seventh avenue and Second street. It will have a restaurant and cafe in connection, also pool and billiard room and cigar stand.

WILLIAM DURFEE EATON.

Possibly no man has been more closely identified with the interests of Lyons during the past fifty years than William D. Eaton, who has during that time been connected with newspaper work there, forty-nine years as proprietor and part proprietor of the *Mirror*, a record seldom equalled in length of service in a similar capacity. Throughout this time he has watched the changing fortunes of his city, has stood unswervingly for what he believed to be her best interests, and has always been independent in his views and actions, truckling to no man, but following his best judgment.

William Durfee Eaton was born March 1, 1834, at Colt's Station, Erie county, Pennsylvania, the son of Ebenezer and Eunice (Shattuck) Eaton. His father was the son of Ebenezer Eaton, of English ancestry, and was born in New Hampshire, in March, 1800. When he was but three weeks old his mother and father died and he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Addison, who

had just lost their first born, and with them he remained until his marriage. He first attended school in New Hampshire, later in New York, the Addisons moving to Cattaraugus county, New York, later to Jamestown, then in 1812 to Colt's Station, Pennsylvania, within ten miles of Lake Erie.

Ebenezer Eaton was married at Colt's Station to Eunice Shattuck, daughter of Sewell Shattuck, of Scotch descent. She was born in Vermont in 1807. Their married life was spent near Colt's Station with the exception of two or three years spent in Iowa, to which state they removed in 1868, but later returned to Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Eaton died in 1872, and Mr. Eaton in 1874. Mr. Eaton was by occupation a farmer, living seven miles from the village, and was a man of such a nature that he was greatly respected by those who knew him. In politics he was earlier a Whig, and later a Republican. His wife and her parents were Methodists.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Eaton were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Those growing to maturity were: Elizabeth, who married Luther Jones, of Erie county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1851; Clarinda, who married Rev. Lester Perkins, and lives in Des Moines, her husband dying in February, 1911; Maria, now Mrs. Conrad Ewer, and living in Corry, Pennsylvania; Charles A., of Erie county, Pennsylvania; W. D.; Julia, widow of Ambrose Powers, living at Afton, Iowa; Wilber, of Des Moines; Matilda, married to Edward A. Nattinger at Lyons, Iowa, died at Ottawa, Illinois, in 1907; Perham S., of Lyons, with his brother, W. D., in the *Mirror* office.

W. D. Eaton attended the common schools until sixteen, and then entered the office of the *Erie Chronicle* as apprentice. Three years later he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked at his trade there three and one-half years. In the fall of 1856 he came to Webster City, Iowa, remained during the winter, then in the spring of 1857 went to Kossuth county, and pre-empted a quarter section of public land, remaining there three years. In the spring of 1860 Mr. Eaton went into a printing office in Des Moines, in March of the same year came to Lyons, worked a year and a half in the *Advocate* office, then entered into partnership with T. R. Beers in the *Lyons Mirror*. This partnership continued twenty-six years until Mr. Beers' death in 1888, and since Mr. Eaton has been in charge of the paper and is now sole proprietor. This paper, which had been a Prohibition paper under a former editor, was changed by Mr. Eaton to a license paper. It is now a regular Republican weekly paper, has a wide circulation in the county, and has a reputation for voicing the beliefs of its editor without fear of risking the displeasure of any one. People speak of the *Mirror* as clean and straight throughout.

W. D. Eaton was married in Kossuth county, Iowa, December 21, 1857, to N. H. Kellogg, born December 21, 1840, the daughter of Henry and Nancy L. Kellogg, who were originally of New York, but came from Ohio to Iowa. Mr. Kellogg was a man of versatile genius, was at one time a Universalist preacher, and at one period a druggist. His family consisted of three children, his two sons, Elijah, and Dr. Charles F., of Clinton, both serving in the Union army. To Mr. and Mrs. Eaton were born three children, Enell, born in Kossuth county in 1858, died in Lyons in the spring of 1861; May, who was born in Lyons in 1860, is now engaged at Stanley Hall Girls' School of Minneapolis; William L., who was born in 1866, died in 1880. Mrs. Eaton, who was a member of the Congregational church, died in 1869.

Mr. Eaton was married a second time in May, 1873, to Mrs. Mary E. Buell, who was born in Lyons February 15, 1842, the daughter of Elijah and Mary L. Buell, her father being the first settler of Clinton county. (See mention of him elsewhere in this work.) One child, Edith, born in 1874, now employed on the regular force of the census department in Washington, D. C., where she has been ten years, was the result of this union. Mrs. Eaton is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Eaton is a Republican in politics, and in his paper upholds strongly the policies of the party, and has not left the older doctrines to become an insurgent. For forty-nine years, since October 1, 1861, he has been in the *Mirror* office and has done much work there and does yet, being vigorous and hale. Always independent in thought and action, he has made some enemies, as such men will and as every man does who stands for something, but he has as well many friends, and even his enemies testify to his honesty and straightforwardness.

MATHIAS T. GOHLMANN.

In the history of Clinton county, the names of certain families appear prominently among the early settlers, and no family is better known among the agricultural settlers than the Gohlmanns. They have for three and four generations been identified with the interests of the county, and during that time have taken part in whatever promised to aid the development of the community, and have had much to do with the establishment and maintenance of order and good government. Certainly it is a heritage of which to be proud to be descended from such a family.

Mathias T. Gohlmann was born in Waterford township, Clinton county, Iowa, on June 18, 1858, the son of J. G. and Catherine (Mullerstedt) Gohl-

MR. AND MRS. MATHIAS T. GOHLMANN

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mann, both natives of Germany, who in 1852 came to Scott county, Iowa, and after a short stay there came to Waterford township, Clinton county, and located on a farm of three hundred and sixty acres. To this farm J. G. Gohlmann later added forty acres, and in the sixties purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which his son Mathias now lives. He died near Charlotte, Iowa, on August 5, 1900, aged seventy-two; his wife followed him on March 11, 1903. Of their seven children, four are living. In politics Mr. Gohlmann was a Democrat, and he and his family were members of the Lutheran church.

The paternal grandfather of Mathias Gohlmann was Christopher Gohlmann, who came from Germany to Clinton county in 1860, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land for each of five children, and died in Clinton county at the age of eighty-one. His wife, who was Christina Holgersen, died in Germany at the age of about forty.

Mathias Gohlmann grew up on a farm and received his education in the common schools. He lived on the farm in Waterford township until 1883, when he removed to the farm in Berlin township which his father had bought and on which he still lives, having added to it one hundred and twenty acres just across the road, making two hundred and eighty acres in one body. He is a general farmer and stock raiser, and has found agriculture very profitable. In politics he is a Republican, for several years has been assessor of his township and school treasurer, and for five years was county supervisor, all of which offices he has filled to the satisfaction of the people. His family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

In March, 1885, Mr. Gohlmann was married to Augusta Petersen, who was born in Clinton county on August 3, 1863, the daughter of John and Christina (Matthias) Petersen, who came early to Clinton county from Germany. To this marriage two children were born, Christina and Augusta. Mrs. Gohlmann died on May 29, 1888, and in 1893 Mr. Gohlmann was married to Johanna Bertelsen, who was born in Brorup, Denmark, on February 19, 1868, the daughter of John and Marie (Salling) Bertelsen, who came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1889, where Mr. Bertelsen died in 1897, and his widow still resides. Three children have been born to Mr. Gohlmann's second marriage, Catharine, Marie and Arnulf.

Mathias T. Gohlmann is one of the most progressive citizens of Berlin township, and one of the most practical farmers in the county. He has made a wide circle of acquaintances, and can call the most of them his friends. Mrs. Gohlmann's father, John C. Bertelson, was born at Hadesley, Schleswig, Germany, and her mother in Lintrup, Schleswig, Germany.

FRED BELLWOOD SHAW.

Fred Bellwood Shaw, secretary of the American Wire Cloth Company of Clinton, has shown himself to be a man of excellent judgment, which accounts for his uniform success in factory work, and he is evidently the possessor of clear ideas in all business matters. Being careful in his calculations, resourceful in his dealings and eminently honorable in his relations with others, people have always reposed confidence in his word and his integrity has been above criticism.

Mr. Shaw was born in Ontario, Canada, March 5, 1863, and he is the son of Richard John and Mary Jane (Bellwood) Shaw, both natives of Canada, the father being of Scotch descent and the mother of English ancestry. Many relatives on the father's side have been officers in the British army, and on the mother's side many of the men were prominent merchants. Among the list of officers referred to some of them have held very important posts, including the noted Maj -Gen. Enos Shaw.

Richard J. Shaw, the father, was a farmer by occupation and engaged in that line of work until his death, about 1902, his widow dying six months later. They were highly respected people and spent quiet lives on their farm, and their family consisted of three children, two of whom are living. The father by hard work and good management became very comfortably established. He never sought or held public office.

Fred B. Shaw, of this review, grew to maturity on the home farm in Canada and when a mere lad was put to work in his father's fields. He attended the common schools in his neighborhood, and, deciding to become a pharmacist, he entered the Toronto Pharmaceutical College, graduating with the class of about 1883. Owing to ill health, he did not begin work in a drug store, but went to California, in which state he remained some time, then returned to Iowa and started in at Cedar Rapids with the T. M. Sinclair Packing Company, remaining with the same for a period of nearly five years, giving eminent satisfaction in this position. On September 1, 1907, he became connected with the American Wire Cloth Company at Clinton as cashier, a position he held until elected secretary in 1910, which he still holds and the duties of which he discharges in a very able and faithful manner.

Politically Mr. Shaw is a Republican, but he has never taken an especial interest in public matters, preferring to give his exclusive attention to the business he had in hand, and this is, no doubt, very largely responsible for the eminent success that has always crowned his efforts.

Mr. Shaw was married on January 5, 1904, to Mattie Shew, a native

of Iowa and the representative of an excellent family. She grew to maturity in this state and received her education here. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are the parents of two children, Irving B. and Clarence A.

FRED C. WILKE.

That America still means "opportunity" is evidenced in the case of Mr. Wilke, still a young man, who came to this country with no fortune save his own clear brain and his inheritance of good German blood from ancestors who had been used to thrift and economy in situations of hardship. With this equipment he has, in a foreign land, raised himself to a foremost position among the merchants of his town, solely by his own exertions. His rise was gradual, but persistent, and he passed through many stages of hard experience. No one can foresee from the beginning the result of a life, but it is certainly of intense interest to look back over the events of a successful man's life and trace the development of his career, and the manner in which he overcomes the obstacles which rise before him.

Fred C. Wilke was born in Germany March 23, 1866, the son of Carl and Johanna (Reedell) Wilke. His parents were born in Germany and his father was a laborer there. In 1883 father and son came to America and landed in Clinton, Iowa, on April 23d. Here the father died in 1905 at his son's home, aged seventy-eight. The mother died at sixty-seven. They were the parents of six children, four daughters and two sons, all living. Carl Wilke was a hard working man and sturdy, honest citizen.

Fred Wilke was educated in the German schools, and was seventeen when he reached this country. For four or five years he worked in a saw mill, then started teaming and hauling slabs and trimmings for wood. In this way he accumulated a little capital, and in 1893 he started in partnership with W. A. Wilke in the coal and ice business, continuing until 1900, when he bought out his partner and began operations alone in coal, wood and ice, and is now carrying on this business, at No. 320 Main street. His business has greatly increased and is now one of the largest in the city. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Mutual Association, the German Society, the Mutual Life Association and of the Odd Fellows.

On November 10, 1892, Mr. Wilke was married to Lena Volkman, a native of Iowa. To their union four children have been born, Carl, Olga, Fred, who died at the age of ten, and Bernice.

Mr. Wilke is a strong example of what industry and intelligence will accomplish when employed even in the commoner walks of life, for beginning as a laborer, he has won for himself a substantial competence and recognition among the established business men of his city.

JOHN LIETZ.

The press is one of the most important and influential elements in the life of any community. One of the strong factors in the development of fraternal feeling and good citizenship among the German-American residents of Clinton county has been their representation by papers of the highest devotion to truth and the interests of the people, in which class the *Iowa Volkszeitung*, the oldest German paper in Clinton, stands pre-eminent, while in this regard it reflects the character of its publisher, Mr. Lietz.

John Lietz was born in Germany, near Luebeck, on November 29, 1847, the son of Fred and Katharine (Lau) Lietz. Fred Lietz was a cabinetmaker and died in Germany in 1870. His wife died there in 1872. They were both highly respected for their virtues. John Lietz attended the common and polytechnic schools in Luebeck and learned the cabinetmaker's trade from his father. Seeing better opportunities in the new world, he came to America in 1867 and first located at Clinton, Iowa. He worked at his trade until 1878, most of the time remaining in Clinton, but from 1872 to 1876 traveled considerably, being for a part of the time in Chicago, for a year and more in Colorado.

In April, 1878, Mr. Lietz bought an interest in the *Iowa Volkszeitung*, his partner being a Mr. Matzen, and the firm of Matzen & Lietz conducted the paper until 1880, when Mr. Lietz bought out his partner's share and has since carried on the paper alone. The *Volkszeitung* was the first German paper to be established in the city, is a strong Democratic organ, and has established a well deserved reputation for devotion to good government in the true interests of the people.

Mr. Lietz is a member of the Odd Fellows order and in political matters is a faithful adherent of the Democratic party. In 1880 he was married to Mrs. Helena Kirchmann, who was born in Germany and came to this country when young with her mother. John Lietz is highly esteemed by those who know him, especially by those who are descended from the sturdy German race.

CHRISTIAN ANDRESEN.

It is interesting to note the successive gradations of some business men, who, apparently with much ease, surmount one obstacle after another until they have won the goal of their most sanguine dreams of youth, while many of their fellows, less able plodders on the highway of life, fall by the wayside, one by one, and give up the struggle. One of the successful business men of Clinton who has let nothing overcome his ambition and who, while advancing his own interests, has not lost sight of his obligations to his fellow men, is Christian Andresen, a native of Schleswig, then a part of Denmark, but now a province of Germany. He is of Danish parentage and was born on December 28, 1850. His parents were Christian and Cecelia (Christisen) Andresen, both born in the locality mentioned above, the father on February 26, 1800, and the mother on October 15, 1811. The elder Andresen was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed successfully in Schleswig, where he spent his entire life. His family consisted of one son and two daughters, Christian, of this review, and Mrs. Anna Jensen (deceased) and Mrs. Cecelia Petersen, who is a resident of Schleswig.

The subject was educated in the schools of his native country and he learned the carpenter's trade there and followed the same successfully there for many years. Believing that he could better his condition by coming to the United States, he crossed the Atlantic and arrived in Clinton, Iowa, on May 1, 1885, having come directly to this city. He first worked for contractor Dunbar for some time, or until the latter went out of business, then Mr. Andresen worked at different jobs on his own account. In 1908 he decided to abandon carpentering and building and enter the mercantile field, so, in company with Claus Kruse, his son-in-law, he started a shoe store, which has grown to large proportions and they have been very successful. They carry an excellent and modern line of general retail shoes and do shoe repairing, this department being exceptionally well patronized, for very skilled workmanship is turned out. A sketch of Mr. Kruse appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Andresen is a member of the Lutheran church and he belongs to the Danish Society of Clinton, standing well in each.

The subject was married on April 7, 1874, to Matilda Thaizsin, who was born in Denmark and who came to America, locating at Clinton, Iowa, when young. Two children have been born to them, daughters, both now married, namely: Mrs. Cecelia Rasmussen and Mrs. Patria Kruse, wife of Claus Kruse, mentioned above.

Mr. Andresen owns an attractive, modern and comfortable home at No.

108 South Sixth street, Clinton, which he built in 1888 and has lived there ever since. He is a staid business man of quiet disposition, and he takes considerable interest in the affairs of his city and of the Danish and German inhabitants of the same.

JOSEPH BORBECK.

Herein is mentioned one of Clinton's progressive business men, a leading lumber dealer of the city, who has again presented to us the often-seen example of a German immigrant who by his ability and industry has attained a leading place among the business men of his community. The lumber business is one which has served many people, for almost every phase of construction is dependent on the lumber dealer for some part of its material, and we have as yet not devised any method of building which does entirely away with lumber, much as such a method may seem advisable, in view of the present diminishing supply of the same. But it is not legitimate use so much as indiscriminate waste which has been responsible for the destruction of the forest, and were we now able to command the losses occasioned by settlers' clearings, forest fires, and wasteful methods of cutting trees and of using lumber, we would not need to fear, as we now do, the extinction of our timber supply.

Joseph Borbeck was born in Suedlohn, Westphalia, Germany, October 31, 1859, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Lohberg) Borbeck. His parents were very respectable people, who spent the days of their lives in Germany. They had a family of two children, of whom but one is living.

Joseph Borbeck was educated in the common schools and took private lessons. As a youth he learned the baker's trade. In 1884 he came to America, expecting to find better opportunities, and located in Lyons, Iowa, engaged in the lumber busines, learning it by working with his uncle, Frank Lohberg, Sr., and later with his cousin, Frank Lohberg, Jr. In 1897 he bought out his cousin and went into partnership with Mr. Ingwersen, forming the firm of Ingwersen & Borbeck. He sold his interest in this in 1907, and was thus engaged in business by himself at No. 801 Main street, Lyons, until August, 1910, when he formed a partnership corporation with Franz Lohberg and Fred Lohberg, son and grandson of his former employer. They carry a line of building material of all kinds. Their business is extensive and is in a very prosperous condition. In politics he is independent. He is a member of the German Catholic church, also of the Woodmen of the World and of various German organizations.

Mr. Borbeck was married on April 19, 1884, to Johanna Temming, a native of Germany. They are the parents of ten children: Lizetta, Emelia (deceased), Mary, Emma, Frank, Josephine (deceased), Henry, Agnes, Joseph (deceased) and Walburgis.

Mr. Borbeck is in every way an estimable citizen, is interested in all public affairs, and is well known and liked in the city. His efforts have met with well deserved success.

CLARENCE A. FAY.

The gentleman whose name heads this review is one of the successful newspaper publishers of the middle west, a member of the Fay Brothers, Incorporated. His keen business ability has contributed very much to the success of their paper, the *Clinton Daily Advertiser*, and without any neglect of his business, he has found the opportunity to so broaden his life by travel that he may now be reckoned as a cosmopolitan citizen of the world, familiar with its appearance and its people in all parts.

Clarence A. Fay was born in De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, on June 18, 1859, the son of Horace A. and Calista J. Fay. (See sketch of Louis E. Fay.) He received all the education obtainable in the De Witt schools, and then began work as a telegraph operator for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, remained in their employ three years, and then entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern, remaining with them three years, and serving at many stations. In 1885 he joined his brother, Louis E., as a member of the firm of Fay Brothers, publishers of the *Clinton County Advertiser*, and has since been a member of the firm (later an incorporation), at present being secretary and treasurer of the company. (For sketch of the paper see press chapter and sketch of Louis E. Fay.) He has always been pre-eminently a business man and attends to his own affairs strictly. He is a member of no lodges, and, though a Democrat, has not been strongly active in politics. The success of the paper in a financial way has been such as to enable him very liberally to gratify his tastes for travel, in which he finds his pleasure and recreation. Mr. Fay began in his own continent, has been all over the United States, through Mexico, Canada, Alaska and the West Indies, then turning his attention to Europe, has visited nearly every country of that continent, many of the countries several times. He has been around the world, in Asia has visited India, Burmah, Palestine, Arabia, China and Japan, among other countries, has traveled in Egypt and expects to visit South America next.

During his travels he has gained a vast amount of knowledge, education and experience, and speaks of his travels very entertainingly.

On June 27, 1888, Mr. Fay was married to Minnie A. Olds, a native of Albany, Illinois, the daughter of Walker and Susan (Parks) Olds, born January 21, 1866. Her father, who was a merchant at Albany, is dead, and her mother still resides there. Mrs. Fay is a member of the Presbyterian church.

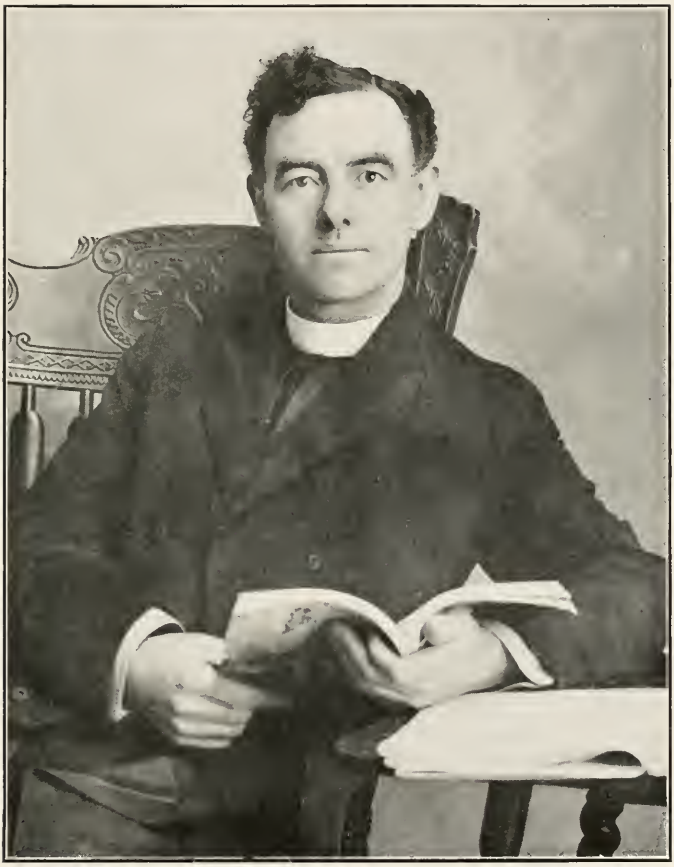
Mr. Fay lives in a handsome house at No. 337 Fourth avenue, Clinton. He is a gentleman of a very courteous manner, and shows in his bearing and attitude the careful man of business and the polished citizen of the world.

FATHER J. A. MURRAY.

The life of a pastor has its many perplexing situations and many obstacles in the way. More than any other profession, this requires tact, patience and perseverance, kindness and long suffering, and these often fail of apparent reward. Father Murray was sent into Clinton, a young and inexperienced man, under trying and peculiar conditions. For some time it seemed that his task would be fruitless, but his faithful perseverance was rewarded and the parish of St. Patrick's today stands a living monument to a living man, the result of his labors.

J. A. Murray was born in Blarney, county Cork, Ireland, on May 18, 1864. His early education was received in the village school, his classical course was taken at Mount Melleray, and his theological studies were pursued at All Hallows College, Dublin. On June 24, 1888, he took the vows and was ordained as a priest, and in September of the same year crossed the ocean to America, and arrived at Dubuque, Iowa, where he was appointed assistant at the cathedral, and shortly after was appointed chancellor of the diocese.

On the day after Thanksgiving, in 1889, Father Murray came to Clinton, having been sent by the archbishop to organize the parish of St. Patrick's. Here he met with great opposition. The people were satisfied to be a part of St. Mary's parish, for which they had recently contributed largely for the construction of buildings, and could see no need for another parish. Affairs looked dark indeed for the success of the young man's purpose, but at last one member of the proposed parish agreed to loan enough money to purchase the land for church buildings, and after this start enough money was soon pledged



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for the building of the first church. But as soon as they were erected another difficulty confronted the young man. The grounds had cost eight thousand dollars, the buildings ten thousand dollars; the times were hard, the congregation poor, the lumber industry, on which many of them were dependent, was declining, and but five hundred dollars had been collected. Even so, the Father collected among his poor parishioners money to be sent to the sufferers from the famine in Russia, they subordinating their own necessities to the needs of others. The work was at all times difficult, but in ten years all debts were paid, and in 1905 the new St. Patrick's church, a splendid structure, was built, as well as the rectory, at an entire cost of forty thousand dollars, twenty-five thousand dollars of which had been collected beforehand.

In the early days of his pastorate in Clinton, Father Murray started the Mercy Hospital and Mt. St. Clare on two beautiful bluffs in the city. Both these institutions, like St. Patrick's parish, are enjoying the most flattering success.

Father Murray has now been twenty-one years at the head of St. Patrick's parish, and during that time has made by the goodness of his character many friends among all denominations, and no enemies. The deeds of his daily life speak sufficiently well of the character and worth of the man, and on them let his earthly reputation rest, while the Father above will finally appraise them at their full value.

CLAUS KRUSE.

Although starting in life practically empty handed, the power of multiplying his possessions with infinite tact and skill seems to have been a gift freely granted to Claus Kruse, a shoe merchant of Clinton, Iowa, and he added to this ability abundant energy and devotion to his chosen work with the result that he has become very comfortably established while yet young in years.

Mr. Kruse was born in Germany, on August 26, 1878, and he is the son of George and Catherine (Knutsen) Kruse, both still living. They came to America many years ago, and the father is farming in Illinois, while the mother makes her home in Clinton, Iowa.

Claus Kruse came to Douglas county, Illinois, with his parents in 1883, when about five years old. There the father bought a farm, and in 1885 the family moved to Clinton, Iowa, and here the subject was educated in the com-

mon schools. After leaving school he worked at the wagonmaker's trade with the firm of Fish Brothers, of this city. Later he learned the shoemaker's trade and worked at the same for several years, becoming a very proficient workman. In 1907 he started in business for himself with a retail shoe store and repair shop at No. 102 North Fourth street. He had begun to build up a good trade when, six months later, his father-in-law, Christian Andresen (whose sketch appears on another page of this work), started in business with him, forming a partnership and increasing the stock, the firm being known as the Claus Kruse Company until January 1, 1911, when Mr. Kruse bought out Mr. Andresen's interest and has since conducted the business alone, and he continued to do a large and growing business, enjoying an excellent reputation throughout the vicinity.

Mr. Kruse was married on July 19, 1899, to Patria Andresen, daughter of Christian Andresen, mentioned above. She was born on September 28, 1878, and received a good education in the local schools.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kruse, namely: Claudine and Albert.

FRANK W. ELLIS.

Though among the younger representatives of the legal profession at Clinton, Frank W. Ellis has won distinction in his conduct of litigation, and stands high in the estimation of the members of the Clinton county bar. The son of one of the ablest practitioners of the city, he inherited much of his father's natural aptitude for the law, but, realizing that hard work counts for more than talent in this profession, he applied himself steadily to its study, and is very thorough in his preparation of legal work.

Frank W. Ellis was born in the city which is still his home on May 4, 1865, the son of Lyman A. and Mary (Buckley) Ellis. His father was long prominent in Clinton county politics and legal affairs. Frank W. attended the schools of Clinton, and was graduated from the high school in 1883. He afterward attended the University of Minnesota, and later read law with the firm of Ellis & McCoy. In May, 1888, he was admitted to the bar, and practiced until 1890. He then removed to Denver, where he continued in practice for four years, and at the expiration of that period returned to Clinton, where he was for several years a member of the firm of Ellis & Ellis, since which time he has been a member of the prosperous and influential firm of Barker, Ellis & McCoy, which firm is now Ellis & McCoy, Mr. Barker having been elected to the bench. Mr. Ellis is a man of high mental endowments.

Ambitious to excel in the things that are worth while, and of undaunted perseverance and determination, he has gained a recognized place in his profession, and has a bright future.

In May, 1899, Mr. Ellis was married to Celeste Ware, of Clinton, and one child, Jane, was born to them in June, 1900. In his fraternal relations Mr. Ellis is a Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while in politics he is a Republican, takes active part in the party work, and served for some years as city attorney of Clinton. During his practice he has laid a strong foundation in the principles of law, and is usually able easily to place a case which comes before him in its proper category, and then by adequate preparation he becomes such a master of the questions involved that he is indeed a formidable opponent to whom ever he meets and rightly deserves the success which he has so often won. Mr. Ellis is a man of much public spirit and is ever ready to lend his aid and influence to any measure which has the good of the community for its purpose.

LYMAN ANDREW ELLIS.

Lyman A. Ellis was one of the distinguished lawyers and statesmen of Iowa. There were few men in this community whose lives are crowned with greater honor and respect than is generally accorded him. Through many years he was an important factor in public affairs, and will leave the impress of his individuality for good upon the commonwealth.

The birth of the subject occurred on a farm a few miles north of Burlington, Vermont, March 11, 1833. The family home was on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain and in that locality he attended the district school and at the age of eighteen he began teaching. In this way he was enabled to meet the expenses of an academic course in Bakersfield and Colchester and to pursue a course of lectures in a law school in Vermont, where, graduating, he was admitted to the bar, and at twenty-one years he resolved to try his fortunes in the west. After visiting at various places, he began the practice of law in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1861, where he rose almost at once into prominence and steadily maintained a place in the foremost ranks of the profession in the state. In 1865 he was elected district attorney of the seventh judicial district, consisting of Jackson, Scott, Muscatine and Clinton counties. In this office he became noted as a jury advocate and trial lawyer, and gave such general satisfaction that he was four times re-elected, holding the office for the period

of sixteen years, and finally retiring in 1880. From that time until his death he was engaged in the general practice of law in the state and federal courts. The Iowa Law Reports show how extensive and successful had been his practice in the supreme court of Iowa.

For a number of years Mr. Ellis was prominent as one of the leaders in the Republican party of Iowa. From the organization of the party he never faltered in his allegiance thereto, and his efforts contributed in no inconsiderable degree to Republican successes. His fitness for leadership and official honors was recognized in 1893 in his election to the office of senator from Clinton county, though it had previously gone Democratic by a large majority. During the first term he became widely known as a debator and renowned for his oratorical ability, winning distinction for his memorable speech against woman suffrage, a speech which won much admiration and was commented upon at length by the press of the entire state. He was a bold and vehement speaker, and inflexible in his views as to state policies or what he considered a wholesome, provident legislation; yet he never resorted to vituperation, ridicule or abuse of his opponents. In 1897 he refused a renomination as senatorial candidate because his duties at Des Moines claimed so much time from his professional labors; and it is a well-known fact that his devotion to the interests of his clients was vigilant and untiring, and generally successful. He was a determined advocate of local option for the sake of control of the liquor traffic in counties where prohibition had been a failure, and to his persistency and leadership the modification of state-wide prohibition and the provision for the manufacture of liquors in Iowa was largely due. He accepted these modifications, whose provisions, though not entirely satisfactory, were the best that could then be obtained. During the second session of the twenty-sixth General Assembly he was chairman of the judiciary committee, and here his knowledge of the law and general ability as a safe and conservative legislator proved him to be a practical worker as well as an orator. At the special session of 1897 he was made a member of the joint committee for the annotation and publication of the new code, serving as its vice-chairman.

He had a nice discrimination as to legal ethics, and he was so thoroughly well read that he was able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge of and familiarity with precedents and originality in application, and to present a case upon its peculiar merits, never failing to recognize the main point at issue, and never neglecting a thorough preparation. His pleas were characterized by logical and lucid analysis as well as ornament in metaphor and illustration, and his power was greater before court or jury from the fact that it was recognized that his aim was to secure exalted justice and not to en-

shroud the cause in a sentimental garb, or illusion which would thwart the principles of right and equity involved.

On the 12th of November, 1856, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Mary Buckley, and unto them were born six children: Daniel B., an attorney of Denver, Colorado; George B., who has large manufacturing and fruit-growing interests in southern California; Charles F., a business man of Los Angeles, California; Frank W., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Gertrude May, wife of Garrett E. Lamb, one of the prominent business men and financiers of Clinton; and Lyman M., now engaged in business in southern California.

Lyman A. Ellis departed this life in June, 1905, leaving behind him not only a brilliant record as statesman and lawyer, but also an enviable reputation as a man of unimpeachable character. He was in every sense a broad minded and cultured gentleman and while starting out in life with but limited opportunities, he arose to a position of prominence second to none in the history of the legal profession in the state of Iowa. He was survived by his wife, who now lives in Clinton, Iowa.

JUDGE CHARLES WARREN CHASE.

Of all the residents of Clinton since the foundation of the town, no one has left behind the memory of a stronger and more lovable character, nor has been more active in the duties becoming a man and a citizen than was Judge Chase, and certainly a history of Clinton county would be incomplete which should fail to make mention of his life and achievements, the value of which is apparent to any one who reads of his actions.

Charles Warren Chase was born December 8, 1834, in London, New Hampshire, the son of Charles W. and Lavinia (Moore) Chase. When Charles was very young his parents moved to Meredith, New Hampshire, and here he lived on his father's farm until he was sixteen, when he went to Concord, New Hampshire, and there clerked in a drug store for one year. From there he went to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and for three years worked in James A. Lane's wholesale drug house and learned the business. He then spent four years in taking a classical course at New Hampton Institute, New Hampton, New Hampshire. This enabled him to enter Dartmouth College as a sophomore, and he graduated from this institution in 1860. Now he entered the law office of Col. T. J. Whipple at Laconia, New Hampshire, and after taking a three years course in two, was admitted to the bar in 1861.

In the spring of 1862 he enlisted as a private in Company G, Twelfth

New Hampshire Volunteers. On the night of his enlistment he had attended a war meeting, one of several which had been held, although no enlistments had been secured. Mr. Chase was called upon for a speech and in its course stated his belief that the reason there had been no previous enlistments consisted in the fact that none of the wealthier men of the town had guaranteed to care for the families of those enlisting. In closing this his first public speech, he said, "To prove that I mean what I say I will now sign my own name." As he did so several of the wealthy men present gave the guarantee which he had suggested, and sixty other young men followed Mr. Chase's example in enlisting. By special permission of the governor, the regiment was allowed to choose its own officers, and the company, organized in Lake Village, unanimously chose Mr. Chase as captain, and presented him with a sword. Just before the regiment left for the front he was united in marriage to Susan M. Cole, of Lake Village, New Hampshire, September 20, 1862.

Captain Chase and his company served in General Hooker's division, and during the siege of Fredericksburg he was seriously injured, never fully recovering from the effects. When he was again able for duty he was made post commandant at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and, as acting colonel, had charge of distributing forces there and at Louisville. But his constitution was undermined, and the effects of remaining on duty day and night for a week during Morgan's raid brought on a serious illness, which forced him to resign in the summer of 1864.

Captain Chase came to Clinton, Iowa, in January, 1865, and began the practice of law, in which he continued even up to a few hours before his death, entering the office of Myron H. Terrell. He was exceedingly devoted to his profession, and bore the reputation of being the hardest working lawyer in Clinton. He was more than ordinarily careful of the interests of his clients. His practice covered all branches of the law, but he made more of a specialty of municipal and corporation law, and became an authority on such subjects.

Much of his time was spent in the service of his city and county, in the advancement of whose interests he was always deeply interested. For nine years he served as a member of the school board and introduced many improvements in school affairs. In 1870 he was elected clerk of the county court, and held this office for two terms of two years. Then he returned to the practice of law, and was made city solicitor for Clinton in 1878. In this capacity he did his first important work for the city, in revising the ordinances, a work accomplished through his influence and efforts, and of unceasing benefit. Later he was elected county attorney, and in 1880 was made circuit judge, holding this office four years. In 1888, the people of Clinton, knowing of his fitness and well-tried worth, called him to the office of mayor. In

this capacity he succeeded in securing some of the greatest results accomplished in the way of city legislation. In his administration ordinances were passed governing paving conditions, and the first paving was laid in this city. The state laws were revised by his efforts to gain better paving service. The water works franchise was extended and a settlement effected during this administration very favorable to city interests. Better water service was obtained and the company forced to make settlement for rents and franchises given. Also during this term the great legal battle over the sewerage ordinances was fought. The laws affecting this as they were revised were of Judge Chase's own creation, and the introduction of them precipitated one of the fiercest legal battles ever fought in these courts. All the best legal talent was arrayed against the ordinance, but it withstood the efforts of the closest trial. Among other ordinances provided in his term was the one governing permanent walks. Unflinchingly he performed his duties of enforcing the laws, and showed to the people of Clinton that they could be enforced, including the liquor laws. It was supposed that these latter could not be enforced in Clinton and not the least achievement of his administration was their strict application.

For many years before his death he was recognized as Clinton's leading lawyer. From 1893 he was a member of the firm of Chase & Seaman. Always, whether officially connected with the city of Clinton or not, he made her advancement and betterment his chief interest. He gained legal reputation in other states as well as in Iowa, but perhaps the greatest tribute to his character as a man is the fact that he was so universally revered and trusted by all the citizens of Clinton, even the humblest. He died August 10, 1907. Surviving him he left his wife and four children, Charles Perry Chase, of the Iowa Engineering Company of Clinton, Mrs. Catherine Chase Jefferson and Miss Sue Cole Chase, of Clinton, and Mrs. Vernie Chase Brown, of Toronto, Canada. One child, Nora Winifred, died in infancy.

No better tribute to the memory of Judge Chase nor more fitting expression of the virtues of his character can be given than the following extracts from resolutions passed upon the occasion of his death by those who from their long association with him were best equipped to know him.

From the resolutions of the Bar Association: "Judge Chase was, we are proud to say, a man of irreproachable integrity, of stainless reputation, and in his law and professional life the mirror of honor.

"When we have recorded these sentiments we have said as much as volumes could speak, and yet we desire to express our further appreciation of his abilities. In corporation law, in probate law, and in many other specialties and branches of the law, he was a keen, patient, painstaking worker, whose

solution of a legal problem was sound and comprehensive. As a lawyer his judgment was reliable, as a court of equity his conclusions were just, and as an official his acts were satisfactory, faithful and beneficial. This is high praise, but deserved, and perhaps sufficient, but yet, again we linger to admire the scope of his modesty, and with it the strength of his will, an unition of two forces which hews to the goal of success.

"Upon the tablets of our memories he has left many other evidences of his high attainments, cogent among which were his unswerving kindness and consideration for others at all times, his capability to make and cement strong friendships, and that great capacity to make himself a tower of strength among his brethren of the bar and in the community which he adorned."

From the resolutions of the directors of the City National Bank: "Judge Chase was a rare character. Without ostentation, but with a quiet, painstaking industry, he capably and faithfully filled the many positions of honor and trust that came to him, most often unsought. As an attorney, as clerk of the courts, as a judge on the bench, as the mayor of the city—in each position he made a record for ability and fidelity that was highly honorable.

"As a soldier—captain in a New Hampshire regiment in the Civil war—it was said of him by a prominent attorney of Nebraska, who was a private under his command, 'He was the sandiest man that ever stood on a battlefield.' Yet no man ever knew from his lips that he had ever stood where 'war's dire carnage raged.'

"He left a good name, which is worth more than great wealth. All who knew him believed in him; all trusted him; best of all, all loved him. We, who have been associated with him, will miss him and his counsel.

"Though he has passed from our sight, he is still held in loving remembrance, and the influence of such a life will live on, a vitalizing force for the world's betterment."

NICHOLAS FRED WULF.

The subject of this sketch belongs to the large foreign element which constitute such an important part of Clinton county's populace, and to which the country is so greatly indebted for the material prosperity of recent years which has characterized the growth and advancement of this county. Industrious, energetic and intelligent, he has borne his share in the development of the section of the country in which he lives, and though but few years a citizen of the United States, he is as truly American in his ideas and tendencies as if he had been born on American soil.

MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS F. WULF

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Nicholas Fred Wulf was born in Germany January 3, 1867, being one of seven children whose parents were Christian and Marguerite (Rehse) Wulf. Christian Wulf, a brick and stone mason by trade, spent his entire life in the fatherland and died near the place of his birth in the year 1870. Later his widow came to the United States and located at Grand Mound, Iowa, where she has since made her home. Six of the seven children of Christian and Marguerite Wulf are living, two of whom are still in Germany, the others residing in different parts of the United States.

Nicholas Fred Wulf enjoyed the advantages of a common school education in his native land and while still a youth he began supporting himself as a farm laborer. Having heard and read much of America and the opportunities which it afforded young men to better their condition, he bade farewell to home and friends in 1885 and in due time arrived at his destination in this country, making his way direct to Grand Mound, Iowa, where for some time he turned his hands to any kind of honest labor he could find. After working in this way for a couple of years, he rented land and gave his attention to agriculture. He continued tilling the soil for a share of the proceeds until 1909, when he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Berlin township, since which time he has conducted his labors upon a more extensive scale and forged rapidly to the front among the leading agriculturists of his part of the county. In connection with general farming, he feeds considerable live stock and from the two sources is the recipient of an income which, judging by what he has already accomplished, will ere long place him in easy circumstances.

The political affiliations of Mr. Wulf are with the Republican party and, though never allowing himself to become excited over public affairs, he aims to keep in touch with his party and familiar with the leading issues of the times. He is an excellent farmer, an intelligent and enterprising citizen and in every relation of life he enjoys the confidence of those with whom he mingles and stands high in the esteem of the public. Like the majority of his countrymen, he was reared a Lutheran and still holds to the doctrine of that church, being a zealous worker in the local society which he attends and a liberal contributor to its support.

On February 19, 1896, Mr. Wulf and Lena Correll, daughter of Abram Correll, mentioned elsewhere in these pages, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the union being blessed with three children, namely: Glenn Galen, Eula Fern and Beryl Otho.

Thus in a rather cursory manner has been set forth the leading facts and characteristics in the life of one of Clinton county's representative farmers and

intelligent citizens. In the most liberal meaning of the term, he is a self made man, his rise from the humble position of a day laborer to his present condition among the successful agriculturists of his township, and that, too, in a comparatively short time, being due entirely to his own efforts.

PAUL D. AND CLAUDE D. HART.

The Hart family has long been one of the best known and most highly respected in Clinton county and its several members have played varied and conspicuous roles in the drama of civilization here for many decades, being prominent in business, civic and social life, and two of the best known members of this house are Paul D. and Claude D.

The former was born March 6, 1880, in the city of Clinton, and he is the son of Paul S. and Elizabeth (Martin) Hart. The father, a man of many sterling characteristics, was born near Montreal, Canada, in March, 1832. He grew up in his native land and was educated, starting out in life for himself at an early age and making a successful business man, devoting the major part of his active life to the lumber business. His death occurred in 1883, having spent his last years in Clinton, Iowa, to which city he emigrated in 1872 and was soon well established here. He was a worthy member of the Episcopal church, and politically he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Martin, of Belle River, Canada, in 1861. She was born in 1845, and her death occurred in March, 1902. To this union eleven children were born.

Paul D. Hart was reared and educated in Clinton, receiving an excellent text-book training, having applied himself very carefully to his studies. For some time he worked at the cab and livery business, and in 1899 he and his brother, Claude D., formed a partnership and started the firm of Hart Brothers Livery and Cab Line, which they have continued with signal and ever-growing success, being well equipped in every respect for the large business which they are carrying on. They have a prestige second to none in this line throughout this locality and their firm is popular with the traveling and general public.

Paul D. Hart is an Episcopalian and a Democrat in politics. He was married on March 26, 1906, to Clarita DeBeltrand, who was born in Michigan in September, 1889, the daughter of an excellent family, and this union has resulted in the birth of one child, Jean Daniel.

Claude D. Hart was born February 6, 1872, in LaPorte, Indiana, and he is the son of Paul S. and Elizabeth (Martin) Hart, mentioned above, and the brother of Paul D. Hart, his partner in business. He was only one month old when his parents brought him to Clinton, Iowa, and here he grew to maturity and was educated, receiving excellent training in the local schools. Being an ambitious lad and anxious to start in the business world for himself, he began working in a saw-mill at the age of eleven years. When eighteen he began work as a passenger brakeman, which he continued for a period of ten years, being regarded by the railroad company as one of their most trusted and faithful employes. Then he entered into partnership with his brother, Paul D., as mentioned above, and has continued in the livery and cab business to the present time.

Claude D. Hart is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Episcopal church; politically he is a Democrat. He was married on November 24, 1895, to Mary Adler, of Clinton, who was born on June 2, 1872, her family being well known here. This union has been without issue.

PHINEAS STEWART TOWLE.

That life is the most useful and desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number and, although all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each can win success and make life a blessing to his fellowmen; and it is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for one to exercise talents and influence which will in some way touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact, making them better and brighter. One of the conspicuous figures in the business and social life of Clinton county of a past generation who seized every opportunity to improve not only his own condition but also that of his neighbors, thereby making life more sunny for himself, his family and his fellow men, was Phineas Stewart Towle, founder and builder of the large and well known mercantile firm bearing this name, and who after a well-spent and honorable career, is now sleeping the sleep of the just.

Mr. Towle was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, of a sterling old family of the Empire state, on June 8, 1836. He was the son of Jonathan, who was the son of Thomas, born in 1770, in New Hampshire, his family figuring in the early history of that state. He was educated in the old-time schools of his native community and grew to maturity in the parental

home. He had an ambition to be a merchant from early youth and he accordingly lent every effort in that direction, beginning as a clerk in a dry goods store at Olean, New York. Like many of the young men of the New England states in the fifties and sixties, Mr. Towle emigrated to the West and made his subsequent home here, locating in Clinton, Iowa, in 1866. He was soon established in the dry goods business on First street and was successful from the start, gradually building up a large and popular establishment by his fair, straightforward dealing and his judicial and careful management, thus laying the foundation for the present extensive firm of Towle & Spreter Company. He always kept a clean, carefully selected and up-to-date stock of goods and was obliging and courteous to the trade, his customers becoming his friends as a rule. By nature and by training he became one of the most successful merchants of this part of the state and was universally recognized as one of Clinton county's most progressive and representative citizens.

Mr. Towle was married to Mary Brother, the representative of an excellent old family of Bath, Steuben county, New York, where her birth occurred on November 21, 1839. They were married on December 12, 1867, at the old home and this union proved to be a mutually happy and fortunate one. It was blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Henry Stewart, of Clinton, Iowa; Charles Brother, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Stewart W. of Clinton.

Mr. Towle was prominent in the Masonic fraternity and also the Ancient Order of United Workmen, having attained the thirty-second degree in the former and he was grand master of the state in the latter. His influence was wide and very marked in these old and honored orders, and his daily life indicated that he endeavored to live up to their sublime precepts.

The death of this excellent citizen and valued friend of a vast host of acquaintances occurred on July 18, 1898, in Elmira, New York, while on a visit to that city. He was a man whom to know was to respect and admire, for he was an upright, kind-hearted gentleman of fine address, and his life is worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM H. CARROLL.

"Through struggle to triumph" seems to be the maxim which holds sway for the majority of our citizens, and, though it is undoubtedly true that many fall exhausted in the conflict, a few, by their inherent force of character and strong mentality, rise above their environment and all which seems to hinder them, until they reach the plane of affluence toward which their faces were set through the long years of struggle that must necessarily precede any accom-

plishment of great magnitude. Such has been the history of William H. Carroll, one of the most popular attorneys of Clinton county and one of her most public spirited and honored citizens.

Mr. Carroll was born in Scott county, Iowa, April 16, 1869. He is the son of James and Alice (O'Brian) Carroll. The father was for a number of years a prosperous farmer in Scott county, where he was well known and influential. He is now living retired in the city of Clinton and is highly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. His wife passed to her rest on October 17, 1870. William H. Carroll grew up on a farm in Scott county and attended the rural schools, and he was graduated from the Dixon Normal School in 1888, receiving an excellent education. He began teaching in Scott county, also continued to teach after coming to Clinton county, having been principal at Grand Mound for a period of one year, giving the greatest satisfaction to both pupil and patron, being both an instructor and an entertainer in the school room. Had he continued teaching he would doubtless have become long ere this one of the notable educators of the state, but believing that the legal field held especial inducements for him, he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1892, where he made a splendid record and from which institution he was graduated in 1894. He soon afterward entered the law office of his brother, A. E. Carroll, in Clinton, and has remained in the same office until the present time, having enjoyed a very satisfactory practice from the first and a constantly growing clientele. He has figured prominently in the local courts and is known to be a most careful, painstaking and deliberate attorney, always guarded in his expressions and cautious in arriving at conclusions, persistent and indefatigable in his research and profoundly versed in the basic principles of jurisprudence and well informed on the latest decisions of courts. As a trial lawyer he has few equals and no superiors, and he is always a very busy man, his services being in great demand at all times. Owing to his ability and his interest in public matters, he was soon singled out for offices of trust and for the past six years he has filled to his own credit and to the satisfaction of all concerned the office of assistant county attorney. He is president of the Davenport Abstract Company, and he is a director in the Guaranty Life Insurance Company of Davenport. Fraternally Mr. Carroll belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, being a charter member of the latter and is past grand knight. He is also a member of Sheridan Club. The well known law firm of which he is a member has offices both in Clinton and Davenport, and is composed of William H., A. E. and E. J. Carroll.

William H. Carroll was married on April 19, 1899, to Elizabeth V. Streib, a lady of culture and refinement, a resident and native of Clinton. Six children

have blessed this union, named as follows: Vincent, Raymond, Alice, Marian, Elizabeth and W. Herbert. They are all, with their parents, constituting a mutually happy home circle.

CHARLES F. ALDEN.

Charles F. Alden was born in Augusta, Maine, in July, 1849, a lineal descendant of John Alden. He grew to manhood in Maine, and in 1870 came to Clinton, Iowa, and engaged in the dry goods business, as a partner in the firm of Whitehouse & Alden, which continued for twelve years. They were successful. Upon the dissolution of this firm Mr. Alden engaged in the coal business. For some time he has held the responsible position of vice-president of the People's Trust and Savings Bank.

Mr. Alden was married in 1883 to Harriet Lamb, the daughter of Charles Lamb, of Indiana. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, having taken the work of the Scottish Rite and lower lodges, up to the thirty-second degree, and is one of the Clinton lodge of Elks. In politics he is independent, voting for men and measures, not for a party ticket.

THE CLINTON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

Among the various manufacturing industries which have been incident to the recent upbuilding of the city of Clinton and which have brought her into wide-spread prominence, especially in industrial circles, the Clinton Sugar Refining Company stands as one of the most extensive and important, although as one of the newest, but it has been a great success from the first and thus far the financial wisdom of its establishment has been proven and from time to time extensions have been promulgated of promising character, giving tangible shape to a combination of enterprise, sound business judgment and well directed energy. Its present position of importance in the business and commercial world has been attained almost by one colossal stride.

This concern was organized in 1906 and has been in operation since 1907, employing over three hundred men, and it is a splendid example of that rapid upbuilding which has characterized the Middle West. The officers of the National Canning Company were the real organizers, their purpose being to furnish one of the chief users of glucose with the supplies necessary to their

business. With this object in view, a corporation was officered on June 5, 1906, with a capitalization of one million and one hundred thousand dollars, five hundred thousand being preferred stock and six hundred thousand common stock. The following officers and directors were elected: O. H. Peckham, of St. Louis, president; V. L. Price, of St. Louis, vice-president; A. J. Walter, of St. Louis, secretary; F. D. Seward, of St. Louis, treasurer; A. H. Kersting, of Clinton, general manager; F. E. Peckham, of Clinton, assistant secretary-treasurer; Frank A. Manning, of Louisville, Kentucky; Frank F. Reed, of Chicago, and A. W. Paris, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. All these names are well known to industrial circles of the Mississippi valley, and it is not strange that they should promote and develop in a short time a great enterprise like that in question.

With this organization behind the movement, a tract of seventeen acres was purchased below Harrison street, between the Chicago & Northwestern tracks and the Mississippi river, at Clinton, Iowa, an ideal site for factory purposes, and ground was broken on July 25th, following, the actual construction of the mammoth plant being begun soon afterwards. In the month of April, 1907, the large buildings were completed, being models of convenience, utility and stability, modern, sanitary, commodious and in every way suited to the purposes desired. The manufacturing facilities of the plant correspond with the buildings, being equipped with special machinery of the most up-to-date patterns, selected and designed to give the most minute accuracy of mechanical detail, no expense or pains being spared to combine endurance with a mechanism that would bring the high-grade results demanded.

After the completion of the buildings and the installation of the machinery, operations were begun at once, and since April, 1907, the Clinton Sugar Refining Company has attained and held a prominent and secure place among the leading manufacturing industries of eastern Iowa. The natural location of the plant has given its owners a decided advantage. Clinton is the center of four of the great corn belt railroads, through which channels abundant supplies are drawn; these roads are the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago & St. Paul, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Companies. The land belonging to this company is washed by the waters of the great Mississippi, and from this stream the entire water supply is obtained, about two and one-half million gallons daily being filtered for use in the manufacture of glucose; and additional transportation facilities are also furnished by the river. In addition to these natural advantages, the company, as already intimated, has in use the latest improved machinery, its electric power being generated from a turbine plant installed in December, 1909, and water is filtered by the latest approved methods. A fire department,

consisting of trained employes, has been organized for emergency cases. A cooper shop for making its own barrels is a distinct feature of the plant.

The chief products of the Clinton Sugar Refining Company are glucose, starch and grape sugar; the by-products are corn oil, corn oil cakes and gluten feed, all of which are made from raw material, corn. The business of this company is rapidly growing, large shipments now being made to all parts of the United States, and a very encouraging export trade has been begun.

Only two of the officers of this company reside in Clinton, A. H. Kersting, the general manager, and F. E. Peckham, the assistant secretary-treasurer. The main offices are in St. Louis, and the Clinton plant is but one of some eighteen or twenty scattered throughout the West.

HANS ANDERSON.

Denmark is a small nation and has sent few immigrants to this country, but those whom she has sent are of the mold from which men are made. Not being large or powerful enough to engage in the struggle for empire which is characteristic of the larger European nations, this small one is not burdened with a large navy and army and has correspondingly more time to devote to the peaceful arts, and can present to the rest of the world a body of citizens unexcelled in character by a like number from any nation. Her school system is among the best in the world, and there is a smaller per cent of illiterate persons among her inhabitants than among any other. Perhaps it would be well for some of the larger nations to follow her example and develop the peaceful arts in opposition to so much preparation for aggressive warfare.

Hans Anderson was born in Denmark, July 5, 1850, son of Andrew and Christine Anderson, who were natives of the country and spent their lives there. Andrew was a weaver by trade and the father of two sons and two daughters. Hans Anderson attended the common schools of Denmark and in 1872 came to this country, landing at Low Moor on May 14th, and has since made Clinton his home. He has always farmed, having been reared in Denmark as a farmer. In the spring of 1902 he purchased the farm of one hundred and forty acres, where he now lives, fertile land, which he has improved by erecting excellent buildings. He has followed general farming and stock raising, has been a good manager and has found his work pleasant.

Mr. Anderson was married in 1872 to Mary Nelson, who has borne to him the following children, all living: John, Anna, David and Fred. Mr. Anderson and his wife are Lutherans and his children have been reared in that faith.

He is a Democrat and, while not an aspirant to office, his neighbors have such confidence in him that they elected him township trustee. He is a man whose life speaks for its true worth in his daily actions, and there his neighbors find it recorded and bear testimony to his nobility and integrity.

OTTO KORN.

Realizing the fact that success comes, sometimes belated, but eventually to the deserving, Otto Korn, well known and popular baker of Clinton, Iowa, early in life began to shape his course to a goal that would mean financial ease in later life and the establishment of an unblemished reputation among his fellow men, and though yet a young man he has made rapid strides in that direction.

Mr. Korn was born in Davenport, Iowa, March 24, 1879, and he is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Allheit) Korn, both natives of Germany, the father born in 1838 and the mother in 1840. Henry Korn grew to maturity in the fatherland and was educated there, learning the baker's trade, which he continued to follow after coming to America, having emigrated to Davenport, Iowa, when a young man. That he was an expert in his chosen line is partly evidenced from the fact that during the Civil war he was a baker in the commissary department of the Union army. After the close of the war he started a bakery of his own in Davenport, Iowa, where he is still engaged in business, his bakery being perhaps the best in Davenport and which has been popular and well patronized for upwards of forty years. His wife is also still living. Otto Korn, of this review, is the youngest of a family of seven children, named as follows: William, Charles, Harry, Lena, John, Bertha and the subject.

The father and his five sons are all bakers and they own and conduct five prosperous bakeries in their respective cities and they are all very extensively patronized and are regarded as the best in eastern Iowa and Illinois in every respect, being sanitary, kept scrupulously clean, equipped with the latest and most approved machinery and necessary appliances, and a very extensive outside trade is also enjoyed by each. Only the best of material is used, and none but proficient and high class employes are to be found in any of their plants.

Otto Korn, the immediate subject of this review, received his education in the schools of Davenport and from the time that he was a small boy he

worked in his father's bakery, in fact, grew up in the business, and when yet a young man had mastered its numerous details, learning the business "from the bottom." He worked at home with his father until 1907, when he moved to Clinton and started a bakery of his own at No. 230 Fifth avenue. It was not long until he was doing a big business, for the people of this city liked his goods and his trade has grown wonderfully. In 1910 he purchased a lot back of his store and erected a modern, well equipped and model bakery, for the old bake-shop could not handle the trade. He has also a very large shipping business over Iowa and Illinois.

Mr. Korn is a Mason in his fraternal relations, being a member of the DeMolay Consistory of Clinton. He also belongs to the Turner society.

Mr. Korn was married on April 14, 1906, to Amanda Flindt, who was born and reared in Davenport and attended school there, being the daughter of a highly respected family there. This union has been without issue.

WILLIAM MacQUIGG.

In giving the life record of Dr. William MacQuigg, whose name for many decades was a household word in Clinton county, Iowa, the publishers of this work believe that it will be an incentive to the young who may peruse it to lead nobler lives, have higher ambitions and accomplish more for their fellow men, for his life was always led along a plane of high endeavor, always consistent with the truth in its higher forms and ever in keeping with honorable principles Besides being a physician and surgeon of widespread reputation and great skill and ability, he was a public spirited citizen and his influence in the general progress of this county was potent and salutary. He was the scion of pioneer ancestors of the most sterling qualities who did much in their day for the communities in which they lived, and Dr. MacQuigg was a worthy descendant of his forbear, thus for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that he was one of the patriotic sons of the North, who, when the tocsin of war sounded, left his hearthstone and business to do what he could in saving the country from treason, he is gladly given conspicuous representation in this work.

The Doctor was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1831, and he was the son of James and Margaret (Dunlap) MacQuigg. They were both born in Scotland, and in a very early day they left the land of thistle and bluebell and crossed the broad Atlantic in an old-fashioned sailing-vessel, and located in Philadelphia. They were young people when they left their native

heath and were not married until after they had located in the City of Brotherly Love. James MacQuigg was an architect, which calling he followed successfully for many years, in fact, devoted the major part of his life to this calling and was a very skilled workman and a good business man. He spent his life in Philadelphia and died there, giving his attention exclusively to his work and to his family, never aspiring to be a public man, always preferring a quiet retired life. He was a man of upright principles and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends, as did also Mrs. MacQuigg, a woman of fine attributes. They were the parents of six children, five of whom are living.

Dr. William MacQuigg received a good common school education in his native city and early in life decided to take up the medical profession and began preparations for the same, graduating in 1860 from the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College, where he made an excellent record. Coming west to Iowa, then a frontier state, he located at the town of Camanche, in 1852, and when he completed his medical education he returned there and remained until 1866, when he moved to Lyons, Clinton county, this state, and remained here up to the time of his death, having enjoyed a very liberal patronage from the first. For over fifty years he ranked with the leading physicians of northeastern Iowa, standing high in a community noted for the high order of its professional talent. He always kept abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his calling, and was deeply versed in the same. Always a student, he familiarized himself with the world's best literature, and, possessing an excellent memory, he was one of the county's best historians, and it was indeed interesting to hear him recall incidents of the early days when this country was new, whose development he lived to see and take a prominent part in. He was the oldest practicing physician in Clinton county at the time of his death.

Doctor MacQuigg proved his patriotism in 1862 by enlisting in the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry as surgeon and in this capacity served very creditably for one year, when he was discharged on account of sickness. After the war he returned to Camanche, and in 1866 located permanently in Lyons, now a suburb of Clinton. In politics he was a Republican, and a member of the Unitarian church. Fraternally the Doctor belonged to Lodge No. 93, Masonic order, also the Consistory. He was formerly a member of the Clinton County Medical Society, but retired several years ago.

Doctor MacQuigg married, on February 24, 1885, Hannah Altman, a native of Pennsylvania, a lady of culture, who has a host of friends here.

HORATIO RUSSELL DEXTER.

Among the residents of Clinton who have been long identified with the city and have watched and aided in its development for many years is Horatio Russell Dexter, who since early youth has lived in the city, and during his manhood has been an active participant in its affairs, being now ranked among its leading business men. He was born in Oswego county, New York, on May 21, 1853, the son of Parker and Mary Ann (Mason) Dexter.

Parker Dexter was born in 1816, in Oswego county, New York. He was a pattern maker and millwright by trade, and a master of these occupations, being expert in both lines. In 1859 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and followed his trade for some time. Later he organized a cigar box factory, for which there were then many facilities in Clinton, on account of the many saw mills and the readiness and cheapness with which the culled lumber from the mills, suitable for this work, could be obtained. In this business he prospered, but finally his factory was destroyed by fire and he retired from active pursuits, and died in 1890. In politics he was a Republican, and for some years held the office of city marshal, the duties of which he discharged in a manner which reflected credit upon himself and satisfied the citizens of the city. Parker Dexter was a man well known in the city, had many friends, and wielded considerable influence in local affairs.

Horatio Russell Dexter received his education in Clinton, where he grew to manhood. He early began work in Lamb's sawmills as saw filer, and later was promoted to the management of the planing mill of the C. Lamb & Sons Company, thus gaining his apprenticeship in life in the same establishment with many of Clinton's present prominent citizens. In 1888 he entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad as a brakeman, and continued in that capacity for nearly fifteen years. In 1902 he started in business at No. 902 South Fourth street, and has since prospered. In 1911 he purchased the three-story building, No. 920 Fourth street, where he conducts his cigar business and has fitted up the second and third stories for an up-to-date rooming house, which is modern in every respect. He always keeps on hand a full stock of fine and up-to-date goods, and his fixtures are substantial and of approved modern pattern, while his satisfied customers are at once his best advertisement and the best evidence of his success. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in his daily life exemplified the teachings of that order. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious affiliations a Methodist. For two years he was chief of Clinton's excellent volunteer fire department, and is a member of the A. H. Smith Hose Team, which held the state championship of Iowa for two years.

Mr. Dexter was married in October, 1900, to Lucy Thomas, a native of Clinton, who was born in 1863. Two children have been born to him, Chancy A., now in Chicago, and Sarah Allen, in school. As a keen business man, a social companion of high order, and a citizen who takes much interest in the good of the community, Mr. Dexter ranks high among the residents of Clinton.

FLOYD L. SUNDERLIN.

No person in this country today exercises such influence as is wielded by the editor of a newspaper, therefore it is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the country that these men shall be men of intelligence and incorruptible honesty, for they are in the truest sense leaders of the public. Were all the newspaper editors men of the type of Floyd L. Sunderlin, the interests of the public would be most zealously guarded and the leadership would be in trusted hands.

Floyd L. Sunderlin, the editor and publisher of the *Delmar Journal* and of the *Maquoketa Record*, was born in Sunderlinville, Potter county, Pennsylvania, on November 30, 1857, the son of Samuel and Laura A. (Barney) Sunderlin. His mother, now deceased, was a lady of superior intellect, of wide reading and of excellent literary ability. She was the author of two volumes, "Pencilings from Immortality" and the "Lyric of Life." She was the mother of three children, a son, Floyd L., and two daughters, Mrs. C. B. Jones, of Ames, Iowa, and Mrs. A. L. Pulver, of Moline, Illinois.

Floyd Sunderlin came west with his parents in 1863, received a common school education, and then took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1879. In 1887 he entered the field of journalism, for which he seems especially fitted, by establishing the *Delmar Journal*. Having prospered in this venture, he, in February, 1906, purchased the *Maquoketa Record*, and now edits and publishes both papers. He is a clear and forcible writer and fearlessly advocates the principles of right and justice, never hesitating to strike wrong a blow. Both his papers have a large and constantly increasing circulation and a reputation in keeping with the character of their editor.

In 1884 Mr. Sunderlin was married to Stella Barter, of Calamus, Iowa. To this union one son was born, Ray Sunderlin, now of Cripple Creek, Colorado. The mother died in 1885. In 1892 Mr. Sunderlin married Mae Scott, of Delmar, Iowa, who has borne him four children: Howard, Gertrude, Olive and Edith, bright and interesting young folks. Mr. Sunderlin is an active member of the Masonic lodge at Delmar, has filled many of the offices,

and in his life exemplifies the noble principles of the order. Editor Sunderlin is a man in whom the people have peculiar confidence, because of his square and uncompromising stand in the face of whatever does not agree with his conceptions of honesty and equity. Well-known in the communities in which his papers circulate, he is a citizen whom they could ill afford to lose. .

GEORGE E. WILSON.

Among the honored and influential citizens of Clinton, Iowa, is George E. Wilson, who has shown what an earnest, energetic and hardworking man can accomplish, although forced to hew his own fortune from obstacles that beset his way. He started life without financial aid from anybody; has been industrious, and has adhered to those principles and ideals that always insure success, so that his twilight years are being passed in the midst of plenty and serenity.

Mr. Wilson is an American by adoption only, being by birth one of our esteemed English cousins. He was born in England, March 18, 1847, the son of George and Eliza (Roberts) Wilson. His mother died in England, after which his father brought the family to the United States in the year 1856, settling near Rockford, Illinois, where he became well established and prominent. He was a man of sterling characteristics and was highly respected. He met death in a railroad accident near Rockford in 1892.

George E. Wilson, the subject of this review, was reared on a farm, where he remained until about seventeen years of age. In his youth he also worked in a reaper factory and a flour mill, and later learned the foundry and machine business. He spent the period after the war in Louisiana and Alabama, and shortly thereafter went to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he was with the Merrill & Houston Manufacturing Company for two years. Later he located in Sterling, Illinois, where he was engaged in the foundry and machine business for several years. In 1892 he purchased the Clinton Bridge & Iron Works, at Clinton, Iowa. This company is one of the leading concerns of the state and is too well known to require lengthy description here. Under Mr. Wilson's able and judicious management it has maintained an envied position in the industrial world. Its business is constantly increasing.

Mr. Wilson came to America at the age of nine. He was the only son of a family of four children. Of an ambitious and studious nature, he has become, by home study and actual contact with the world, a highly educated man

in many branches. Mr. Wilson is an interesting conversationalist on current topics, possessing a broad and general knowledge.

Mr. Wilson was married, June 4, 1871, to Hannah Marie Fitzmaurice, daughter of John and Abbie Louise Fitzmaurice. Mrs. Wilson's parents came from the north of Ireland and settled near Belvidere, Illinois, where she was born. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson has been blessed by the birth of five children, named as follows: Louise, who is at home; George E., Jr., Frank E. J. Fred and Orrin A. The latter is Pacific coast agent of the Clinton Bridge & Iron Works at San Francisco. The other three sons are connected with the Clinton office. The four sons and father constitute the board of directors of the company.

Mr. Wilson manifested his loyalty to his adopted country during the great crisis in the sixties by forsaking the pleasures of home and offering his services during the Civil war by enlisting in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company E, about six months before Lee's surrender, but owing to the fact that the war was drawing to a close he was not permitted to see active service. Twice before this enlistment he had run away from home to become a soldier, but his father interfered each time, owing to his youth. He won his father's consent in the end.

Mr. Wilson is a member of all the different Masonic bodies of the York and Scottish rites. He has always taken an active interest in the progress of Clinton and vicinity and has ever stood ready to do his full share in the work of upbuilding this locality in any way. He has always manifested an abiding interest in county, state and national affairs, and is regarded by all who know him as a high-minded, progressive man. While living at Sterling he served very acceptably as alderman, during which time many of the public improvements of the city were inaugurated.

In addition to his private interests, he is president of the Merchants National Bank of Clinton, which institution is regarded as one of the most popular, safe and conservative banks in eastern Iowa. Mr. Wilson's home is at No. 306 Sixth avenue.

FRED REIMERS.

Among the many enterprising citizens that the German empire has sent to Clinton county, the name of Fred Reimers should be mentioned, for he has lived here for over a quarter of a century, during which time he has become well established, ranking among the leading farmers of his community and he has maintained an unassailable reputation. He was born in Germany on

April 17, 1857, and is the son of Claus and Katrina (Aufers) Reimers, natives of the fatherland, where they spent their lives. The father was a laborer and he served as a soldier in the German army, according to the law and custom in that country. He made a splendid record as a soldier in the war of 1848. He spent his life engaged in whatever honest labor he could find for a livelihood, having no special profession.

Fred Reimers grew to maturity in Germany and received the usual common school education. Until he reached the age of twenty-five years he worked as a laborer on various farms in the old country. In 1882 he emigrated to America, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he remained two months, then moved to Clinton, this state. He worked on a farm the first year after his arrival here, after which he worked in Lamb's saw-mill for three years. After that he began renting farms. He saved his earnings and in 1895 he purchased two hundred and twenty acres in Lincoln township, which is his present home, and on which he has made many improvements, including the erection of substantial and convenient barns and other buildings, making this one of the most desirable farms in every respect in the township. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, always keeping some good stock. The German Lutheran church holds his membership and he is a liberal supporter of the same.

Mr. Reimers was married on February 6, 1883, to Rebke Solkerwig, who was born in Germany. She accompanied her sisters to this country when young. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Annie, Christina, Emma and Wilhelmina.

Mr. Reimers is a well informed, far-seeing and capable man of affairs, a very fair example of the first generation from the old country, who by economy and hard work develop good farms and comfortable homes for their descendants. He has always been a hard worker and is never idle.

JOSEPH CROSSETT YOUNG.

This utilitarian age has been especially prolific in men of action, clear-brained men of high resolves and noble purposes who have given character and stability to the communities which have been honored by their citizenship, and whose influence and leadership have been easily discernible in the various enterprises that have added so greatly to the high reputation which Clinton county enjoys among her sister counties of this great commonwealth. Con-

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spicuous among this class of men, whose life work has been terminated by the fate that awaits all mankind, but whose influence will still continue to live, was the late Joseph Crossett Young, for his history and that of this locality are very closely interwoven and it is safe to say that no man was more prominent or did more for the general upbuilding of this vicinity than he. His memory is honored and revered by a host of citizens who knew him or of him and his industrious, public-spirited and generous life. This is as it should be, following the old aphorism, "Honor to whom honor is due."

Joseph C. Young was born November 1, 1811, in Onondaga county, New York, the scion of a sterling old family of the Empire state, being the son of Rev. Seth and Elizabeth (Crossett) Young. He was reared on a farm and received such education as he could in the early schools of his native county. He went to Detroit, Michigan, in 1838 and bought land near there, but he sold the same in 1839 and returned to New York and there engaged in the grocery business for eight years. Believing that the newer country west of the Mississippi river held greater advantages for one of his temperament, he came to the present thriving city of Clinton, Iowa, when there was nothing but a cornfield here, and he erected a house where Fourth avenue now intersects with Second street and here went into the grocery business. He was successful from the first, and later he built the Young block, at the corner of Second street and Fifth avenue. He saw and took part in the growth of the town in all its phases and took a delight in the same. Being successful as a merchant and business man, he acquired a competency, becoming in due course of time one of the substantial and prominent men of the county, and he spent the latter years of his life in retirement.

Mr. Young was united in marriage with Sarah J. Stillwell, August 2, 1834, and this union was blessed with the following children: Charles M., Harriet, Emerson K. (the latter a Methodist minister), and William E., whose sketch appears on another page of this work. The mother of these children passed to her rest on June 9, 1877, and Mr. Young was again married, December 6, 1884, his last wife being Laura F. Berrien, of Clinton. She was born in New York City, August 24, 1850, and came to this city when young.

Joseph C. Young was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he took much interest in religious affairs. The first Sunday school class meeting here was held at his home. He was a member of the first council of the city of Clinton, and he was also mayor of the city for two terms. Politically, he was a Republican and was loyal to its principles.

This worthy, and in many respects remarkable, patriarch was gathered

in the fullness of his years to the reward of his merits on June 1, 1906, leaving behind him the rich remembrance of a blameless life to become the inheritance of his children and his children's children forever, while he sleeps the sleep of the just.

MALCHI KANE MADDEN.

The character of a community is determined in a large measure by the lives of a comparatively few of its members. If its moral and intellectual status be good, if in a social way it is a pleasant place in which to reside, if its reputation for the integrity of its citizens has extended into other localities, it will be found that the standards set by the leading men have been high and their influence such as to mould their characters and shape the lives of those with whom they mingle. In placing Malchi Kane Madden in the front rank of such men, justice is rendered a biographical fact recognized throughout Clinton county by those at all familiar with his history. Although a quiet and unassuming man, with no ambition for public position or leadership, he has contributed much to the material advancement of the community, while his admirable qualities of head and heart and the straightforward, upright course of his daily life have tended greatly to the moral standing of the circles in which he moves and given him a reputation for integrity and correct conduct such as few achieve.

Mr. Madden was born in Ireland, December 7, 1844, of an excellent old family of the Emerald Isle, being the son of Michael and Mary (Kane) Madden, also natives of Ireland, where they grew to maturity, and were married. They emigrated to America in 1847 and settled in Portage, Wisconsin, when the subject was three years old, and there continued to reside until their deaths, the mother passing away in 1877 and the father in 1880. They worked hard and established a good home in their adopted country, and, being kind and honest, were popular and highly respected among their neighbors.

Malchi K. Madden grew to maturity at Portage, Wisconsin, and received a good education in the common schools there, spending his early life on the farm for the most part. He came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1871 and entered the business world as a merchant at Lyons, in partnership with his brother, and carried on a very successful and ever-growing business for a period of thirty-three years, during which time he was an important factor in the life of the town and became widely known. He did not remain long in partnership with his brother, buying his interest in 1875, carrying on the business after that with the assistance of his wife. He was burned out in 1883,

but, nothing daunted, he started up again, buying the building erected by A. B. Rodman, in which he continued the grocery business until 1904, when he sold out to Fredericks & Quinn, both of whom had clerked for him.

On November 1, 1874, Mr. Madden was united in marriage with Margaret Carvel, who was born at Providence, Rhode Island, the daughter of William and Mary (Davy) Carvel, who came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1858 and settled on a farm twelve miles west of Lyons, where they lived for many years, becoming well established and were highly respected. They are both now deceased, the mother dying in 1877 and the father in 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden are pleasant people to know and it is a privilege to share their old-time hospitality in their beautiful and pleasant home. Having no children of their own, they adopted two children, a boy and a girl, the latter, Winnifred Duhrm, being the eldest; the other, Frank Cook, is now in the United States navy, now serving his twelfth year. The daughter is married and lives in Monmouth, Illinois.

Mr. Madden has always been a very industrious and busy man and, although a life-long Democrat and interested more or less in party and public affairs, has never been an aspirant for office himself. Mrs. Madden leans strongly towards woman suffrage; she is a well read, refined and pleasant lady and has been of great assistance to her husband in his life work. They are both devoted members of the Catholic church and are members of the Royal Neighbors of America and the Mystic Circle, the former an auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen of America and the latter of the Woodmen of the World, Mrs. Madden having been banker of the Mystic Circle for seventeen years, and she was also guardian of the Woodmen of the World. They are both prominent in local lodge, church and social life and number their friends only by the limits of their acquaintance.

BENJAMIN BROXAM.

Americans are not hampered by the shackles of class distinction and it is every one's privilege to build the structure of his life as he sees fit. This gives us what is often termed the self-made man, a good example of which is found in Benjamin Broxam, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, whose interests were long identified with Clinton county and who is eminently deserving of a conspicuous place in the history of the latter, owing to the fact that he came here when the country was new and assisted very materially in the general upbuilding of the same and led a

life of industry, honesty and one well worth emulation by the younger generation whose destinies are yet to be determined by the future.

Mr. Broxam comes to us from our sister country across the Atlantic, his birth having occurred in Lincolnshire, England, May 1, 1831, and now in the serene Indian summer of his years, after a long and strenuous life, he can look backward with no regrets, since he has always done the best he could in all the relations of life. He is the son of Benjamin and Rebecca Broxam, both natives of Lincolnshire, England, where they spent their lives, having never come to America. The father was a shoemaker by trade. They were the parents of six children, of whom Benjamin of this review was the oldest. Mr. Broxam had been married before, to which union twelve children had been born, making eighteen children in both families.

Benjamin Broxam began work when only five years of age, his duty being to keep crows and other birds from the corn fields and prevent them from destroying various crops on the place. He spent his early life on the farm and received what education he could in the neighboring schools. It was in 1852 that he came to America, locating in Ohio, where he remained one year and then came to Rock Island, Illinois, in 1853 where he located, but soon thereafter entered one hundred and twenty acres in Welton township, Clinton county, Iowa, then returned to Rock Island and worked on the railroad until the spring of 1857, when he moved to his farm in Welton township, and soon began breaking the raw prairie land and making general improvements, building a small frame house. As he prospered, he began adding to his original purchase until he owned a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres which he placed under a high state of improvement and reaped abundant harvests from year to year. He continued to live there until 1892, when he retired from active farm life and moved to Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he now resides in a cozy and attractive home, modern and neatly furnished. He still owns his farm, which is one of the best in the community and which shows that a gentleman of excellent judgment has had its management in hand. Politically, Mr. Broxam is a Democrat, but he has never held office.

Mr. Broxam was married about 1858 to Mary Lynch, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, about 1833, and to this union three children were born: Charles, who died in 1895, at the age of thirty-four years; Helen died in 1885 at the age of twenty-four years; they were not twins, but their birthday came within the same year; Albert L., who was born in 1864, was educated in the public school, also at the normal school at Dixon, Illinois, and at the College of Pharmacy at Des Moines, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated, after which he worked in a drug store at De Witt, Clinton county, for some time; he then came to Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he also clerked in a

drug store for some time and about 1892 he bought an interest in the store of Walter Dow, where he had been working. Later Mr. Dow sold his interest and the firm name became Broxam & Hinkley, which has remained the same, these gentlemen now conducting the largest drug store and carrying the most complete drug stock in Maquoketa.

In 1904 Albert L. Broxam married Alice Langridge, daughter of a well known Baptist minister of Waterloo, Iowa. This union has been without issue.

Mrs. Benjamin Broxam, wife of the subject, was called to her rest in 1895. The members of this family have always borne a most excellent reputation and are popular in the various communities where they have resided.

EDWARD E. YOUNG.

In naming those who have borne their full share in the upbuilding of Center township, Clinton county, mention must not be omitted of Edward E. Young, for he has there exerted a strong influence for good, being a man of upright principles and desirous to see the advancement of the community along moral, educational and material lines.

Mr. Young was born on August 16, 1865, in this county, and he is the son of John A. and Martha Ann (Cox) Young. The father was born in Orange county, New York, June 8, 1815, in which year the family removed to Pennsylvania, where John A. received his education. In 1848 he emigrated to Oakland county, Michigan, where he remained eight years, when he moved to Iowa and located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Elvira, where he spent the rest of his life, dying August 4, 1899, his widow surviving until March 16, 1903; they are buried in the cemetery at Elvira. The father was a man of much prominence in this county, well known and highly honored. He was a member of the sixteenth and seventeenth General Assemblies of Iowa, as representative on the Democratic ticket, serving his county for four years in a manner that elicited the hearty approval of his constituents. In 1860 he was elected to the office of supervisor, which position he held six years. While in his twenty-fifth year he was elected captain of the Shippensburg troop, an old cavalary company which had served in the war of 1812 and during the time of his captaincy offered its services for duty in the Mexican war. These parents were members of the Presbyterian church, and their family consisted of nine children, four sons and five daughters, named as follows: Florence, deceased; Mary, wife of A. M. Kelley; Anna, who was

the wife of Rev. T. W. Hamilton, is deceased; Sarah is the wife of W. L. Niver; John, James, Edward, Charles A., and Hattie, wife of S. B. Kelley.

Edward E. Young, of this review, spent his boyhood on the farm and received a common school education. He was married on February 14, 1893, to Elizabeth Goddard, daughter of John and Mariam Goddard, both natives of England, from which country they came to America about 1870, locating at Clinton, Iowa, where Mr. Goddard engaged in the mercantile business. His death occurred in June, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Young began their married life on his present farm, which he had rented of his sister, Mrs. Kelley, whose husband was killed on the tower of his feed wind-mill, having his leg crushed and he remained without help for an hour while the mill continued to grind, the men below not knowing that he was fastened in the machinery above. In 1904 Mr. Young purchased his sister's farm, the Kelley place, which consists of three hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land, which has been extensively improved and ranks with the best farms of the community. Besides general farming Mr. Young is an extensive feeder of stock, and he has numerous barns, sheds and outbuildings in which to properly care for them. His residence is a very comfortable and neat one. He buys and feeds many cattle and hogs, and he is very successful in all his operations. He is a good judge of all kinds of stock and is well known as a stockman throughout the county. He is honest and stands high in the community.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: Clarence, born September 28, 1895; Ethel, born November 21, 1896; Claude, born June 27, 1898; Gladys, born August 6, 1902.

WILLIAM R. TRAVER.

One of the well known and progressive citizens of Camanche township, Clinton county, is William R. Traver, a man who has worked long and hard to advance himself along lines that are consistent and seldom fail to bring the reward sought. He comes of one of the old and honored families of this county and his birth occurred here on November 9, 1862. He is the son of Rufus and Mary J. (Balentine) Traver. The father was born in 1832 and the mother in 1834, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. They came to Clinton county, Iowa, about 1860 and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Center township and engaged in general farming, becoming well established here. Rufus Traver was a very successful business

man and took much interest in local affairs. He served his township as assessor, tax collector and justice of the peace, filling each position with much credit for a number of years. In 1895 he retired, purchasing property in Clinton, where he moved and where he now resides. He is a member of the Congregational church, and, politically, is a Republican. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Traver, namely: Ella married Mr. Allen, of New York City; Daisy is now Mrs. Hill, of Clinton county; Roy L. lives in Clinton, where he has a position in a bank; Carroll B. lives in Chicago; William R., of this review. The mother of these children died on February 17, 1911, and is buried at Elvira.

The boyhood days of the subject of this sketch were spent on the farm with his parents. He received a good common school education and later took a business course at Quincy, Illinois. He was married on April 27, 1888, to Mariah Mahen, daughter of George and Mary Mahen, of this county. Her parents were natives of Ireland. They came to America and settled in Clinton county on a farm in Center township. They retired and made their home in Elvira in 1889, purchasing a home there and they spent the remainder of their lives in that place. George Mahen was born May 10, 1818, and died February 28, 1895; his wife was born May 10, 1833, and died March 5, 1899, and they are both buried at Elvira cemetery. Mr. Mahen began life without means, but by his industry and good management he accumulated a very valuable estate and became the owner of six hundred acres of land. His family consisted of five children, namely: Roger M.; Ella, now Mrs. Crapser; Minnie, who married a Mr. Cromer, is deceased; Kate, now Mrs. Kelley; Mariah is the wife of William R. Traver of this review; there are also two half brothers and a half sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Traver began their married life on rented land and in 1896 he purchased his father's farm, which is still his home. It consisted then of one hundred and sixty acres. He has added to this as he has prospered until he now has a very fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, consisting of as choice land as Camanche township affords. Part of it lies in Lincoln township, adjoining. He has made extensive improvements on his land, all modern and up-to-date. He is regarded as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers in the township. For a number of years he has engaged in breeding and raising Polled-Angus cattle, of which he has a choice herd. They are eagerly sought for owing to their superior quality.

Mr and Mrs. Traver are members of the Lutheran church, and, politically, he is a Republican. They have no family of their own. They took her sister's child when it was two weeks old, its mother having died, and they have

adopted him. Frank Cromer was born October 19, 1903. They also have given his sisters, Leda Marie and Mary Margaret, a home in their family. They are much attached to these children and give them every chance to become worthy citizens.

PETER CHRISTENSEN.

From small beginnings Peter Christensen, a well known citizen of Olive township, Clinton county, has gradually attained a prominence in this locality which entitles him to be regarded as one of its worthiest citizens. No aspersions can be made on any action of his during a pilgrimage of nearly forty years here, during which time he has seen his community grow and has taken a great interest in the general development of the same. Like many of our leading farmers, he comes to us from Norway, having been born in that country in 1840, the son of Chris Hansen and Bertha (Johns) Christensen, both natives of Norway, where they were reared, educated and married, and in which country the father died. His son Peter grew to maturity there and was educated in the common schools and when twenty-one years of age, in 1861, his mother brought him to America, coming direct to Calamus, Clinton county, Iowa. Here the son began working out. He was a hard worker and economical, saved his earnings and was in due course of time enabled to purchase eighty acres of land where he still lives, having, however, added to this until he now has an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement. He has a good substantial home and outbuildings, his place being well improved in every way, all of which, or most all, he has done himself. He has lived here all the time since coming to America with the exception of three years, from 1898 to 1901, spent in Minnesota. He there owned two hundred and eighty acres of land and raised grain very extensively. He is a general farmer and stock raiser and he is a stockholder in the Farmers Bank at Calamus. He has been very successful as a business man, having managed well and persisted along lines which he deemed worthy to be followed and wrought out.

Mr. Christensen was married in 1867 to Anna Ludwigson, who was born in 1844 in Norway, from which country she came to America with her parents in 1860 and located in Clinton county, Iowa; later they went west. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Bertha Yergensen, Walter, Elizabeth, Christ (deceased), Mary Mason, Irene Mason, Rena, Lena, Irena and Anna. Mrs. Christensen died in 1892 and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery, in Olive township.

RESIDENCE OF PETER CHRISTENSEN

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This family are Lutherans in their religious belief, and Mr. Christensen is a Republican and has held some of the township offices in a way that reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was school director for some time and also road boss.

ANDREW JACKSON RIGGS.

Andrew Jackson Riggs, a retired farmer of Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, was born near Lyons, Wayne county, New York, June 21, 1832. He is the son of John and Alma (Crowls) Riggs. The father was born April 11, 1798, in New Jersey and was the son of John Riggs, Sr., who in 1799 moved his family to Wayne county, New York, and bought a tract of timber land of the Holland Purchase Company. This tract of timberland is now a part of the city of Lyons. John Riggs, Sr., sold the land and purchased another tract, where he lived until his death.

John Riggs, Jr., was reared on the farm and assisted his father in the cultivation of the same. He had a brother-in-law named Hull, who was a colonel during the war of 1812, in the American army, and while home on a furlough took John Riggs, then a boy, along with him to the lines and he there served as the Colonel's body-servant. He carried a musket with the rest of the soldiers and became something of a pet among the men of the army. He remained with the army until the close of the war. Returning to his home at the expiration of that time, he remained there a time and then went to Canada, where he was employed in the lumber regions. He spent seven years in this vicinity and then returned to his old home.

In 1826 John Riggs, Jr., married Alma Crowl, who was born in Cayuga county, New York, May 11, 1807. Directly after their marriage they went to Allegany county, where he bought timber land, built a small house of logs, cleared and cultivated the farm. About 1831 he returned to Wayne county and settled on his father's farm and there he remained until 1837, when, fired with the western fever, he came to the territory of Iowa, via the Erie canal to Buffalo, by the lakes to Cleveland, thence by the Ohio river to the Mississippi river and up the Mississippi to Burlington. At that city the family spent the winter. During this winter the subject, A. J. Riggs, saw Chief Black Hawk, who used to go into Burlington for supplies. While the family remained in Burlington John Riggs and a timber man from Indiana tramped overland to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, to find a brother of

the former, Reuben Riggs, who owned a farm and log house on the line between Clinton and Jackson counties. John Riggs returned to Burlington and in the spring took steamboat and went up the river to Lyons, which then contained but three houses; from there he went by boat to Sabula, and came through the country on foot to his brother's log cabin. Accompanying him on this journey was his wife and six children, one, C. R. Riggs, being but three years old and another a babe of six months, whom they had to carry. The subject was but five years old, and he had to walk. Mr. Riggs entered land in section 6 in what later became Bloomfield township, Clinton county, and he was the first white settler in the township. He erected a log house on this land and there he lived until 1849. He, as was the case with hundreds of others, was drawn toward California in the year last mentioned and while en route was taken sick and died, being buried near Elkhorn river. He was survived by his wife and eight children, namely: George W., Ashley C., John H., Andrew J., Charles R., DeWitt C. (these children having all been born in New York and brought by their parents to Iowa), Ann (born in 1840 in Clinton county), Zachary T.

Andrew J., the subject, and Zachary T. Riggs, residing at Biloxi, Mississippi, are the only surviving members of the family. Mrs. Riggs, the mother of these children, departed this life March 8, 1899.

As before stated, Andrew J. Riggs was but five years old when he accompanied his parents to Iowa. He was seventeen at the time of his father's death and he assisted his brothers in the managing of the home place, residing on the old homestead until 1864. He was married in that year and located in 1865 on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres at Riggs Station, Waterford township, Clinton county. He bought this land in 1854, then wild prairie, and began the cultivation of it. The first eighty acres was all under cultivation by 1860. He planted shade and fruit trees and built a set of frame buildings. Later he added other land to his original purchase and at one time owned two hundred and eighty acres in Waterford township. In 1865 he also owned one hundred and sixty acres in Minnesota. He at one time owned the townsite of Monticello, Minnesota, and also owned between one thousand and fifteen hundred acres of land in various counties throughout the state of Iowa. In 1896 he retired from active farm life and bought a modern residence in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where he at present resides.

Mr. Riggs' domestic life began in 1864, on March 13th of which year he was united in marriage with Eliza Jane Mullholland, who was born at Auburn Center, Ohio, March 15, 1844. She is the daughter of Rev. Richard and Eliza E. (Abbey) Mullholland. He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, of

Scotch-Irish parentage, in the year 1823. At the age of sixteen he came to America and turned his attention to the attainment of an education. He was graduated from Brighton (Ohio) College, when twenty-three years of age and became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. In June, 1843, he married Eliza E. Abbey, who was born in Auburn, Ohio, 1826. In the spring of 1852 they moved to Iowa and he acted as supply preacher for congregations near Preston and Charlotte, Clinton county. He bought eighty acres of Mr. Holroyd, a pioneer millwright who located about two miles west of Preston. In 1853 he joined the Iowa conference and was assigned to the Jackson county circuit. He traveled and preached in different counties in Iowa and in 1856 came back to Maquoketa, and opened a boot and shoe store in partnership with another man, but he failed in this and in 1858 went to California overland. He followed just behind the Mountain Meadow massacre and in company with an emigrant train from Texas who crossed the place of the massacre a few days after the awful event happened. He remained in California for four years and on account of failing health returned to Maquoketa, where he died September 11, 1863. He was a member of the Masonic and Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodges. He left a wife and one child, who is now Mrs. Riggs. Mrs. Mullholland returned to Portage county, Ohio, in the fall of 1864 and died there on March 8, 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs became the parents of two children. Elmer Elsworth Riggs, born February 16, 1865, died September 7, 1893; he was survived by his wife, but no children. Lindus L. Riggs, born August 29, 1868, graduated from Maquoketa high school in 1887. He taught school at Riggs, Clinton county, and various other places for fourteen terms. Later he became the successor of his brother, Elsworth, agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Riggs, where he remained four years. In the fall of 1900 he entered Keokuk Medical College and was graduated in 1904, engaging in the practice at Maquoketa, Iowa, but in 1905 went to Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in June, 1906. As a surgeon he has gained much prominence and since 1907 has conducted the Maquoketa City Hospital, which he owns. January 1, 1908, he married Elizabeth Hurst, daughter of Hon. Alfred Hurst, of Hurstville, Jackson county, Iowa. They have one child, Ralph LeRoy Riggs.

Mrs. C. J. Riggs is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Riggs, though religiously inclined, is not a member of any church. Politically, he is independent.

Andrew J. Riggs has a flint-lock musket and bayonet made in 1809 and carried in the war of 1812 by William Birch. At the close of the war the

subject's father bought the gun. Mrs. John Riggs gave the gun to the subject's oldest son, who is now deceased. Mrs. Riggs owns and has in her possession an account book, which has been handed down from one generation in her father's family to another. The first account now recorded in the book is January, 1755. One of the items is "One Pint Whiskey at 11½ cts." This book was in the Mullholland family and was written in Ireland.

A. J. Riggs' two brothers served through the Civil war. Charles R. Riggs, who enlisted in Company L, Second Cavalry, and went in as orderly sergeant and served four years, eight months and ten days and was discharged as captain. He was provost marshal of Bolivar Parish, Mississippi, for eight months. Taken prisoner while resting along the roadway in Missouri, in 1862, and remained a prisoner for three months, when he was exchanged. De Witt C. Riggs enlisted in the Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry from Maquoketa. He was commissioned as second lieutenant March 31, 1863, and promoted first lieutenant September 23, 1864. He resigned on account of disability from bowel trouble in the fall of 1864. Another brother, Ashley C. Riggs, enlisted at Dubuque, Iowa, in a regiment of dragoons in 1847, and was assigned to duty at Fort Atkinson, Iowa, serving until the close of the Mexican war.

Mrs. A. J. Riggs, who lived at Maquoketa during the war, assisted in making the flags of the companies (five in number) which left Maquoketa. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Riggs adopted a young girl aged ten by the name of Minnie C. Albright. She was born October 14, 1865. Her father, who was a widower, gave his permission for her to live with them until she was eighteen; she remained until she was twenty-four, when she married Levi T. Allen, of Miles, Iowa, on March 13, 1890. He died on January 12, 1897, leaving his wife and one daughter, Laura A. Allen, born September 1, 1891. Elsworth L. Allen was born March 5, 1893. Since her husband's death Mrs. Allen and her children have made their home with Mrs. Riggs, with the exception of four or five years.

In the year 1895 the subject fitted out a circus for his son Dr. L. L., but on account of the hard times then prevailing, the circus failed in 1896. Mrs. E. J. Riggs is a beautiful writer of poetry. She wrote for many years for the *Clinton County Advertiser.*

THEODORE C. RITTER.

One of the successful and well liked farmers of Orange township, Clinton county, is Theodore C. Ritter, a man who is eminently deserving of the success that has attended his efforts owing to the fact that he has worked hard

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along legitimate lines and has always led a life of honesty and shaped his course to goodly ends.

Mr. Ritter was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, March 31, 1856, and is the son of Leonard and Theresa (King) Ritter, the father a native of Prussia, Germany, and the mother born in Bavaria, Germany. They were educated and married in their native land and came to Rock Island county, Illinois, in about 1845. They subsequently moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled on a farm two miles west of Grand Mound, Olive township, on two hundred and eighty acres, and here they lived until their deaths. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters, of whom seven are now living, Mrs. John P. Saddler being deceased; she lived at De Witt, this county. Politically, Leonard Ritter was a Democrat and he and his family were members of the Catholic church.

Theodore C. Ritter, of this review, was reared on a farm and was educated in the public schools of Olive township. He worked in Davenport for some time on a delivery wagon for the Cable Lumber Company. He later turned his attention to farming, and he is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres one and one-half miles north of Grand Mound, Orange township, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has put excellent improvements on his place and has a very comfortable home. He always keeps some good stock which he prepares for the market.

Politically, Mr. Ritter is a Democrat and he has long taken considerable interest in local affairs. He was constable of his township for two years, filling this office to the satisfaction of all concerned. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Ritter was married on April 14, 1884, to Mary J. Martin, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Halpin) Martin, early settlers of Scott county, this state. To this union two sons and four daughters were born, namely: Loretta, Raymond, William, May, Genevieve (deceased) and Bernadine (deceased). The mother of these children died December 24, 1900. Her parents were both born in Ireland, from which country they came to Davenport, Iowa, when there were only a few houses in that place. They came to Clinton county, this state, in 1878, and located on two hundred acres of land and here the father died on April 11, 1896, the mother dying in about 1897. Nine children were born to them, five of whom are living. This family were Catholics and in politics Thomas Martin was a Democrat.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

No better evidence of fidelity to duty, upright character and popular personality could be secured than a continuous service with one concern for a period of thirty-two years. That is the length of time that John Williams, one of the best known men in railroad circles in Clinton county, has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, and he has always been regarded as one of their most trusted and faithful employes, always ready to discharge his duties to the best of his ability and with no thought of shirking or misrepresenting the facts. As a result of such characteristics he has not only won the confidence and respect of his employers and associates in railroad circles, but also of all with whom he has come into contact and he is in every way deserving of the high respect in which he is held.

Mr. Williams was born at Sterling, Illinois, July 16, 1866, and he is the son of Michael and Mary (Pendergast) Williams. The father was born in county Kings, Ireland, April 10, 1826, and the mother was born in county Queens, Ireland. They were married in England in 1853 and came to America in 1855, locating in Chicago, where they resided a short time, then came to Sterling, Illinois, at the time the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was being built through there, and the father assisted in the work of laying the tracks into Sterling. After a short time he entered the coal and grain business in which he remained for a period of thirty years, doing a large business and becoming widely known in that country. He lived retired during the last few years of his life, and died at his home in Sterling, on November 10, 1903. His widow is still living. Fourteen children were born to them, ten of whom are living, four being deceased. Michael Williams was a Democrat and an earnest worker in the party, but he refused to be a candidate for office many times. He gave his large family a good education and provided well for them. He lived a rather quiet and retired life. He was a faithful Catholic, an excellent business man, a generous giver to St. Mary's Catholic church, of which he was a member, and he was greatly missed in his community, his death being lamented by all classes. He had one daughter at the time of his death who was a prominent musician in Kansas City, Missouri, but she is now deceased. She was a nun of the Order of Charity and was mother superior of an Indian mission in Michigan.

John Williams was educated in the public schools of Sterling, Illinois, and when a boy he began working for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, beginning carrying water at the age of twelve years. He went from

that to the roundhouse, then became switchman, fireman and engineer, having been an engineer since 1886. As stated above, he has spent his life in the service of this road.

Politically, Mr. Williams is a Democrat and both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Mr. Williams was married on December 31, 1896, to Ellen Murphy, of Anamosa, Iowa, the daughter of Patrick and Ellen Murphy, who came to America in a very early day and settled in Connecticut, in which state they married, subsequently coming to Iowa. Mr. Murphy devoted his life to farming. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Marie, now twelve years old, and Laurence, aged ten.

RUDOLPH FREDERICK SIEMSEN.

Among the substantial farmers of Berlin township, Clinton county, Iowa, is the well known gentleman whose brief biography is presented in the following lines. Rudolph F. Siemsen is a native of Holstein, Germany, where his birth occurred on the 15th of August, 1855, being one of twelve children, whose parents, Henry and Dora Lucy Siemsen, were also born and reared in that province. Henry Siemsen spent his entire life in Holstein and died in the year 1869; his wife, who survived him, is still living and resides near the place where she first saw the light of day. Six of their children also survive, three in Germany and three in the United States.

Rudolph Frederick Siemsen spent his childhood and youth on the farm which his father cultivated, and enjoyed the advantages of a common school education. While still young he learned the bartender's trade and in 1878 entered the German army, with which he served until 1881. In 1882 he came to the United States, going via the isthmus of Panama to San Francisco, California, thence to Washington territory, where he remained for two years, during which time he lived principally in what is now Garfield county and supported himself by various kinds of employment. At the expiration of the period indicated he came to Scott county, Iowa, where he remained from August, 1884, to March of the ensuing year, when he went to Omaha, Nebraska, thence, after a short time, to Council Bluffs, in which city he was in business until his removal to Atlantic, Cass county, this state, in 1889. Disposing of his interest in the latter place he went to Billings, Montana, but not being satisfied with conditions there, soon returned to Iowa, and during

the two ensuing years lived in Cass county, where he had formerly been in business.

On October 1, 1891, Mr. Siemsen was married in the town of Atlantic to Lena Husmann, a native of the same German province in which he was born, and immediately thereafter engaged in farming in Cass county, where he continued to reside until 1899, when he sold out and went to the state of Washington. After remaining a year there, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought a tract of land in Berlin township, on which he has since lived and prospered.

Mr. Siemsen has had quite a chequered, but, in the main, successful career. He now has a finely improved farm, a beautiful and attractive home and is in comfortable circumstances, with every assurance of a prosperous career in the future. He is very industrious, manages his affairs judiciously and manifests commendable interest in all matters of importance to the community in which he resides. In politics he is independent, being allied to no party and using his judgment in the matter of voting, giving his support to the candidates best qualified for the positions to which they aspire. In religion he holds to the creed of the Lutheran church, in which both himself and wife were reared, and since becoming a resident of Clinton county, he has been quite active and influential in the local church to which he belongs. He is a pleasant gentleman, courteous in demeanor and his popularity extends to the limits of his acquaintance. He has many warm friends who prize him for the sterling worth of his character and he uses his influence on the right side of every moral issue. Mr. and Mrs. Siemsen have two children, Freda Rosa and Lena Marguerite Marie, who, like their parents, are popular with their friends and acquaintances.

ALBERT A. BARBER.

Having been born and reared in Orange township, Clinton county, and since reaching manhood's estate identified with large agricultural interests of this community, it is not strange that A. A. Barber should be widely and favorably known within the confines of the territory in question. His career has been marked with success at almost every turn.

The date of Mr. Barber's birth was 1853 and he is the son of Nathaniel Barber, a full sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. Suffice it to say here, that he comes of one of the excellent old pioneer families of this county.

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Mr. Barber was educated in the home schools and when but a mere lad was put to work in the fields and he has spent his entire life on the home farm, which is a rare privilege, for the assocations of the old homestead are always pleasant. He has thus always farmed, and, having grown up to this line of endeavor, he has mastered every detail of general husbandry and his efforts have been attended by a large measure of success. He has one of the best farms in this part of the county, consisting of four hundred and ninety-five acres, all in Orange township comprising two farms, one of one hundred and sixty-five acres and the other of three hundred and thirty acres. He has kept the places well improved in every respect and has tilled the soil with such care as to keep it up to its original strength and productiveness. Besides general farming, he has always devoted considerable attention to stock raising, always keeping an excellent grade of stock. Other interests have also claimed his attention and it was he who organized the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Clinton in 1902; he became president of the company, which office he still holds to the credit of himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, in fact, his judicious and able management has been responsible for its large success, and it is rapidly growing in importance and popularity.

Mr. Barber is a Republican in politics, and he has long taken more or less interest in local affairs, having been assessor of Orange township for a period of six years, was trustee of the township for a period of four years, has been local school director for many years and was census enumerator in 1900. As a public servant he has been very faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Barber was married on May 3, 1877, to Laura C. Simmons, who was born and reared in Orange township and educated in the local schools; her family has long been a highly respected one here. This union has resulted in the birth of one son, Earl G., who is assisting his father with the work on the farm; the son is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and he is a very promising young business man. He married Elsie Smith, of De Witt township, the daughter of Henry F. and Louisa (Hoehne) Smith. Her parents came from Germany to Clinton county in an early day and are numbered among its respected and influential families. The elder Barber is also a member of the Modern Brotherhood,—in fact has been its secretary from its organization to the present time. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs.

JACOB SCHROEDER.

A German community always seems to be a prosperous one. The Germans have such a combination of racial qualities as to be well adapted to all situations in life. The traveler in Iowa can usually recognize the German community by its appearance, the neatness of the buildings, the general air of good repair and the thriftiness of the crops and stock. The farm which Mr. Schroeder owns presents to the passer-by a particularly attractive picture, for he is an exceptionally good farmer even among the exceptional farmers of his township.

Jacob Schroeder was born in Germany on March 18, 1866, the son of Andros and Catherine (Pruring) Schroeder, both natives of Germany, where Andros Schroeder died in 1870, and his widow is now living. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living, and were much honored and respected persons. Their son Jacob received his education in Germany, and came to Scott county, Iowa, in 1885, seeking to try his fortune in a newer continent of wondrous possibilities. Later, in 1885, he came to Clinton county, and in 1901 bought eighty acres of land, in 1904 forty more, and has added until he now owns two hundred acres of splendid land. His farming is general in character and he gives much attention to stock raising. Nearly all of the buildings and improvements on his farm have been put there by himself. In religion he adheres to the Lutheran faith of his fathers.

Jacob Shroeder was married in 1891 to Augusta Blunk, a native of Germany. She has borne to him four children, Hugo, Laura, Freda and Matilda. Mrs. Schroeder died in 1898, and Mr. Schroeder was married in 1901 to Mrs. Mary Erbs, of Clinton county, by whom he is the father of one child, Willie.

Mr. Schroeder is much respected by those who know him, as a man of good judgment and reasoning powers, and a successful farmer, while his obliging nature has made for him many friends.

JOHN W. SIMON.

Success has been worthily attained by John W. Simon, of Center township, Clinton county, for he has led an active and useful life along lines that seldom fail to win the goal sought. He was born on July 23, 1869, in this county, and is the son of George and Mary Simon, natives of Lincolnshire, England, where

they grew to maturity and were educated. From that country they came to America in 1851, locating in Illinois, where they remained for a few months, then moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought a farm near Low Moor, which he sold after a residence of two years and purchased other land nearby. He soon traded this for the farm on which his son, John W. of this review, now resides and there the elder Simon and his wife spent the remainder of their days, the father dying on November 21, 1906, at the age of seventy-eight years, the mother having passed away in 1899, at the age of seventy-one years, and they are both buried at the Elvira cemetery. The first farm which Mr. Simon purchased consisted of eighty acres and to this he added thirty-six acres in section 12, Center township, and he became a well-known farmer and stock man. He fed many cattle for the market, kept his farm well improved and was very successful. He became well known and was highly respected among the early settlers of this county. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church, and they were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in early life; Robert W. also is deceased; those living are Mary, wife of F. Heskett, of Kansas; Lizzie, of Lincoln township, the wife of Robert Bray; Ellen Simon, Bessie Simmons and John Simon.

John Simon, of this review, received a good education, first attending the common schools, then the Clinton Business College, also the normal school at Fulton. He was married on February 14, 1906, to Nettie Thomas, daughter of William and Eliza Thomas, of this county. Her parents were natives of Wales and they came to America in 1870, with their parents, who later located in Clinton county, Iowa, and they were married in 1874. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The father has devoted his life to farming and he and his wife are both living. They are the parents of four children. Mrs. Simon was born August 3, 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon began their married life on the farm where they now reside, the old family homestead, which Mr. Simon purchased from his father. It consists of two hundred and forty acres and is one of the most desirable farms in this locality. He has made many improvements and has kept it in first class condition in every respect. He has a cozy and attractive home, carries on general farming and stock raising and feeds a great many cattle, being regarded as one of the leading farmers and stock men in his community. He is a public spirited man, is well posted on current events and employs all modern methods in farming, being very successful.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon: Marie Elizabeth, born February 10, 1907; Edith May, born December 4, 1907; Ethel Fay, born the same date, being a twin of Edith May; Robert William, born May 28, 1909.

ARTHUR WOOD BLUNT, M. D.

In time of sickness and need the physician is the closest friend to his brother man. He, even more than members of any other profession, has an opportunity to do real good, in relieving actual physical pain and suffering. The troubles which he heals are of a different class from those which the lawyer and minister find it their province to mitigate, and are of a more substantial and intimate nature. He alone of all has the power to stay the hand of death and prolong the number of our earthly years.

Arthur Wood Blunt was born in Dalton, Georgia, July 30, 1854, the son of John E. and Augusta (Wood) Blunt. His paternal grandfather, A. E. Blunt, was a native of New Hampshire, his wife of Connecticut. They moved South in an early day to Dalton, Georgia, where Mr. Blunt engaged in the mercantile business. Doctor Blunt's father married in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and went to Georgia, to practice his chosen profession, that of civil engineer. Coming north at the breaking out of the war, he moved to Wisconsin and was engaged in the employ of what was then the Old Galena & Chicago Union railway which soon became a part of the Chicago & Northwestern railway system. He continued in their employ until two years ago, when having given his time and attention to the railroad work for a period of forty-eight years and rising to the position of consulting engineer, he was retired on a pension. He still resides at Evanston, Illinois. He was the father of six children, one of whom is the vice-president of the Merchant's Loan and Trust Company of Chicago. All of the children except one are now living.

Doctor Blunt was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1873, and his Master of Arts degree in 1876. He then entered the Chicago Homeopathic College and graduated in 1878. For a time he was house physician in the Homeopathic Hospital, then spent two years in Winona, Minnesota. He came to Clinton, May 1, 1881, where he has remained in practice ever since. He is now the longest resident physician in Clinton. His practice has been extensive and successful. In politics he is a progressive Republican. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Royal Arcanum, the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa and secretary of the Rock River Institute of Homeopathy. He is also a member of the staff of Agatha Hospital of Clinton. The Congregationalist church includes the Doctor and his wife among its members.

Doctor Blunt was married on October 4, 1883, to Alice A. Mullett, a

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native of Indiana, who has borne to him two children, Eugenia and Valeria. He is a man of splendid personal character, broad culture and liberal education. He has kept up with the latest advances in the school of medicine to which he belongs and stands high among his professional associates. He is possessed of the traits of character which gain and keep friends, and is much esteemed generally, both at home and abroad.

CHAUNCEY SPENCER HARRINGTON.

The life portrayed under the present heading shows plainly the opportunities which the farm affords, and shows that there one may pass as useful and pleasant a life as at any other place or in any other occupation and may be as successful there as anywhere else, whether success be measured by the amount of property accumulated or the character which a man builds. Farming leads into other allied businesses often, as in the case of Mr. Harrington, and many of the most successful business men in the smaller towns and cities have passed the earlier portion of their lives in farming.

Chauncey Spencer Harrington was born in Otsego county, New York, October 10, 1830, son of Stukely and Elizabeth Harrington. (For their history see sketch of Andrew L. Harrington.) His boyhood was little different from that of most farm boys, and was spent in attending the schools of his township in the winter and working in the summers. As a young man he took up farming and was also concerned in lumbering operations in his home county. On October 5, 1866, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, to which his parents and brother had preceded him. Here he was very extensively engaged in farming, and also was a large grain dealer. He owns five hundred and fifty-seven acres of good farm land in Clinton county and other property in De Witt, and in his days of activity was reckoned as one of the best farmers in the county. He is also a business man of rare judgment. In politics he was a Democrat before the formation of the Republican party, but was afterwards a member of the latter party, and, while taking a becoming activity in politics, has never cared for office. He is a member of Right Hand Lodge No. 281, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; of Kilwimming Chapter No. 56, Royal Arch Masons; of Holy Cross Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and of the thirty-second degree in Clinton Lodge, DeMolay Consistory, of

Clinton, Iowa. He has always taken great interest in things Masonic and has exemplified its teachings in his life.

Mr. Harrington was married on December 25, 1855, in Genesee county, New York, to May Comstock, daughter of Gideon Comstock, who died in New York. Mrs. Harrington died August 19, 1907, after having been a faithful wife for nearly fifty-two years. Mr. Harrington has now retired from active business.

He can look back over a life of more than usual achievement and worth. He is a man the worth of whose character is unquestioned, and one whose neighbors speak of only in the highest terms. Such citizens the county can well be proud of.

WILLIAM NEWMARCH.

An industrious and substantial farmer of Eden township, Clinton county, is William Newmarch, who owes his birth and kindred to the great, historic and romantic "merrie isle," our sister country across the deep and dark blue Atlantic. He is English by birth and descent and is the possessor of the many sterling characteristics commonly attributed to the people of that country. By adoption he is an American citizen, sturdy and progressive, whose life of nearly a quarter of a century in this locality has won him the respect of his neighbors and an excellent landed property.

Mr. Newmarch was born on November 30, 1848, in Lincolnshire, England, and he is the son of George and Susanna Newmarch, both born, reared and educated in England, and they spent their lives in their home country. The father was born on April 1, 1824, and his death occurred on June 1, 1898; the mother was born on May 10, 1819, and died December 9, 1896. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, born April 9, 1847; William, of this review; Charles, born August 25, 1850; Susanna, born February 20, 1851; Eliza, born December 16, 1853; George, born February 18, 1856. They are all living except George.

William Newmarch grew to maturity in his native land and was educated there. When a young man he conceived the idea of making his home in America, having heard of the excellent opportunities that are open to every one here, and accordingly he emigrated to our shores in 1886, reaching here in June of that year, coming to Low Moor, Clinton county, Iowa, where he remained two months, then located in Elvira, where he remained six years; he then moved to Goose Lake, where he remained three years, then moved back to Eden township and lived upon the farm owned by Ben Dannett, for

six years. Then in 1900 Mr. Newmarch purchased the Humphrey Bowhers farm of two hundred and thirty-four acres, lying in a fertile section of the county west of Low Moor two miles, and he has since resided here. He has engaged in general farming and stock raising in a manner that indicates that he is a gentleman of good judgment and management, and he has laid by a competency for his old age, having one of the best farms in the township in every respect. He keeps some excellent live stock of various kinds, which, owing to their excellent quality, find a very ready market when he offers them for sale. He feeds for the market each year. He has an attractive and pleasant home and he built a large and convenient barn and has added many other modern improvements on his farm.

Mr. Newmarch takes much interest in the affairs of his community and he has been school director and president of the local school board for a period of three years, which position he filled very creditably and acceptably. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and steward and a liberal supporter of the same.

Mr. Newmarch was married in November, 1861, to Betsy Hackford, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hackford, natives of England. Her death occurred on January 15, 1911, and she was buried in the cemetery at Camanche. She was highly respected and her funeral was attended by the lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs as a mark of esteem.

Mrs. Newmarch's parents had eight children, of whom three are living. The mother is living in England, having attained the remarkable age of ninety-two years. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Newmarch, of whom three are living, namely: Walter, born on September 18, 1873, married Jemima Pearson and they have five children, Lester, Clarence, Bernett, William and Mabel. Walter Newmarch lives upon his farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Malone, this county. Fannie Newmarch, born March 1, 1886, is the wife of H. W. Galitz, of South Dakota, and they are the parents of four children, William F., Vera G., Alice and Fern. George William Newmarch, born September 22, 1887, manages his father's farm. The deceased children are Eliza Ann, born March 29, 1871; John W., born September 10, 1872; Anther, born July 29, 1882, and May, born May 23, 1890, all of whom died when young.

The parents of these children moved to Low Moor in 1907, where they bought a good and cozy home and are now living retired, surrounded by plenty as a result of their former years of industry and economy. They are highly respected and have a host of warm personal friends, owing to the fact that they have lived upright and kindly lives.

JUDGE PATRICK B. WOLFE.

The present review is concerned with the life of a man whose character and ability are, by reason of his long and honorable connection with the practice of law, well known to the people of Clinton county and of the state of Iowa, and whose extensive familiarity with his own county made him especially fitted to serve as editor-in-chief of the history of Clinton county.

Patrick B. Wolfe was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 7, 1848, the son of John R. and Honora (Buckley) Wolfe. John R. Wolfe was born in county Kerry, Ireland, in 1824, the son of Richard Wolfe, who was the agent having charge of the property of the Knight of Kerry. He received an excellent education. During his young manhood he helped to organize the "Young Ireland" party. He left Ireland in 1848, coming to America, first locating at Ottawa, Illinois. Here he remained on a farm until 1854, when he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, to land near Lost Nation, which he had entered the winter before, and lived there until his death in 1885, becoming one of the largest landholders and most successful farmers of his township. Mr. Wolfe did not take any great interest in politics. He was opposed to slavery. In religion he and his entire family were stanch Catholics, and active workers in the church.

John R. Wolfe was married in Ireland to Honora Buckley. She was a member of a family prominent in the church and at the bar, Michael Buckley, her brother, having been the leader of the Belfast bar for many years. The Wolfe family were also prominent in the church and in law, so that it was natural for the American descendants to turn to the bar in choice of a profession. Mrs. Wolfe died in 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, and those who grew to maturity are the following: James, a farmer near Lost Nation; Patrick B.; Johanna, who is now Sister Scholastica of the Order of Sisters of Mercy at Sioux City, Iowa; John, a farmer at Melrose, Monroe county, Iowa; Maurice, a farmer near Lost Nation; Margaret, now the wife of Dr. D. Langan, of Clinton; Katherine, the widow of Judge T. D. Fitzgerald, of Montana, at one time president of the Montana Senate, now living in Clinton; and Richard B., an attorney at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa.

Patrick B. Wolfe attended the common schools of Liberty township, Clinton county, for a time, then spent one year in the Christian Brothers Academy at La Salle, Illinois. He was a student in the academic department of Iowa State University for two years, then took a full law course from that

institution, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1870. In January, 1871, he began the practice of law at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, and for a few years suffered the proverbial hardships of the young lawyer, but soon came into an extensive practice. In 1877 he formed a partnership with W. A. Cotton, under the name of Cotton & Wolfe, which continued until 1888. For four years he served as attorney for the town of De Witt, and was a member of the De Witt school board for fifteen years. In 1885 he was elected to the Iowa Senate, and served three sessions, resigning from his position in October, 1891, when he was appointed judge of the district court for the seventh judicial district, holding his first term of court in November of 1891. He served on the bench until September 1, 1904, when he resigned to form a partnership in the practice of law with his son. It is a unique fact that Judge Wolfe has resigned from every public office which he has held. In 1899 he was nominated for judge of the supreme court of the state of Iowa, and was defeated by a close margin. He is again a candidate in 1910. His law office was moved from De Witt to Clinton in May, 1891, and his residence was transferred in 1893. Mr. Wolfe was a member of the public library board of the city of Clinton.

Mr. Wolfe was married on May 1, 1878, to Margaret Connole, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Malone) Connole, who came from Ireland and located in De Witt. To this union three children were born. John L. Wolfe was born in 1879; graduated from the Clinton high school; took the classical course at St. Mary's College in Kansas, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; took a post-graduate course in Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., receiving there his Master of Arts degree, and then took the law course there, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He spent a year in the University of Berlin, Germany, and in 1904 entered into partnership with his father. He is now serving on his second term as a representative in the lower house of the Iowa General Assembly. Mary Wolfe was born on June 27, 1881, and is a graduate of Sinsiniwa College, of Wisconsin, and Trinity College, in Washington, D. C. One child died in infancy.

FRANK SLAPNICKA.

Although Frank Slapnicka, a farmer of the vicinity of Low Moor, Eden township, Clinton county, was born in Bohemia, he is not a "bohemian" as the

word is frequently used in America, meaning primarily an idler, dreamer, easy-going fellow, for he has shown by his life of persistent industry that he is a man who believes in doing things and in doing them well; he has left nothing undone whereby he might advance his interests and that of his family and therefore he has succeeded, and now has a good farm and comfortable home.

Mr. Slapnicka's birth occurred on November 11, 1867, in Bohemia, as stated above, and he is the son of Antone and Barbara Slapnicka, who came to America with their five children in 1868, locating in Stevenson county, Illinois. The father was a carpenter and cabinetmaker by trade and he worked at the same after coming to this country. In 1870 he moved to Jackson county, Iowa. In 1887 he located in Woodberry county and there spent the remainder of his days, dying in December, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother survived him ten years, dying in June, 1902. They were members of the Catholic church, and their family consisted of seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Nolbert, of North Dakota; Josephine is the wife of John Scherer, living in Illinois; Rosa is the wife of W. B. Potter, of North Dakota, and Frank, of this review; the deceased are, Agnes, who died young; Rudolph, who died in January, 1883, at the age of thirty-two years; John, who died in January, 1893, at the age of thirty-three years.

Frank Slapnicka was thrown on his own resources when very young, in fact, he started out in life for himself at the age of eleven years, and for eighteen years he worked as a farm hand. This early experience, although not altogether pleasant, was good discipline and he was economical, saved his money and at the age of twenty-eight he was enabled to buy a farm of one hundred and sixty acres at forty-two dollars per acre. He has prospered by reason of good management and has added to his original purchase until he now owns an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which he has placed under excellent improvements. In 1907 and 1908 he built a modern, spacious and attractive residence and substantial and convenient barn, the latter being one of the best in the county, in fact everything about his place shows thrift and good management. He carries on general farming on an extensive scale and devotes a great deal of time to his live stock, of which he keeps a good grade of all kinds. He is conservative, painstaking, plans well and is careful to execute his plans in a manner that will bring the results sought. He is certainly deserving of much credit for the ample competency he has acquired, considering the discouraging situations that faced him in his youth. He is one of the substantial and leading citizens of Eden township.

Mr. Slapnicka was married on March 24, 1897, to Louisa B. Pelham, daughter of Cyrenus and Charlotte Pelham, of this county, Mr. Pelham hav-

ing come to Clinton county with his parents in the early settlement of the same, and he is a well known and successful citizen. Mr. Pelham's family consists of five children, of whom four are living, namely: Roy, of DeWitt, Iowa; Orie, wife of C. Toba, of Scott county, Iowa; Deane, living in this county; Elmer, deceased, and Louise B., wife of Mr. Slapnicka. Mr. Pelham is a member of the Masonic order. His wife is also still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Slapnicka began their married life on their present farm. They are the parents of four children: Rose L., born April 29, 1898; Maynard, born February 4, 1901; Margery, born January 2, 1904; Marion, born October 6, 1907.

CORNELIUS H. PELHAM.

Each community has its own special individuality that gives strength of character and builds for it a historical superstructure that makes the written pages of record interesting and stamps the people who come into the public notice with a peculiar place in the epochs of every-day transactions.

Cornelius H. Pelham was born at Malone, Clinton county, Iowa, July 30, 1874, and is the son of Henry P. and Margaret (Dawson) Pelham. His father came to this county in 1855 from New York state, of which they were natives.

The father's paternal great-grandfather was of English descent and once owned a portion of land where New York city now stands. His career was brought to an untimely end by being killed in the Revolutionary war while protecting his property, he receiving seven bullets in his body at the hands of British soldiers. The father's grandparent, Henry Pelham, was married to Margaret Gray, a descendant of the Pilgrim fathers, who located on a farm in Greene county, New York. He died January 23, 1843, and was survived by eight children, four sons and four daughters. Cynenus Pelham, the grandfather of the subject, was born in that county, February 2, 1790, being one of eight children all of whom lived to be over eighty years old. In early life he was one who had the privilege of seeing the first steamboat on the Hudson river. The grandfather married Melinda Stratton, of Delaware county, New York, and came to Lyons and Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855, the year Clinton was laid out. In 1857 he purchased land in Eden township which he improved, making this his home. He died in 1890, at the age of eighty-three. The death of his wife occurred in 1871, at the age of sixty-five years.

The father was seventeen years old when he came to this country and worked on the farm. He graduated in the common schools and was married October 19, 1873, to Mrs. Margaret Gibson, who was twice married and by her first marriage had two daughters, Eva M., wife of M. Dann, and Nellie, wife of Thomas Clement. By her second marriage she has become the mother of four children, Cornelius, Jay W., Rolla E. and Bruce L., all living. Mrs. Pelham died on July 17, 1901, and was buried at Cherrywood cemetery. His father is at present living on the farm, sixty acres of which was his first purchase. He has three hundred and eighty acres of well improved land, which under his industry and able management has become one of the best farms in that vicinity.

Politically, Mr. Pelham was a Republican and cast his first vote for Lincoln for President. He filled acceptably the offices of justice of the peace and township clerk and was a member of the school board for twenty-five years, showing that the people had confidence in him as an educational worker.

Cornelius Pelham received a common school education and was united in marriage to Daisy D. Duke, daughter of Mathew and Rebecca Duke, of this county, on October 27, 1887. Mr. Duke was a farmer, being one of the pioneers of this county. He was well known and noted as a public spirited citizen. He was the father of five children, namely: Lucy, Ida, George, Daisy and Arthur. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pelham: Arthur, on the 26th of October, 1899, and Nyrol, born June 18, 1908. Mr. Pelham belongs to the Baptist church and his wife affiliates with the Congregational. Politically he is a Republican.

As was the case with others, Cornelius Pelham was obliged to begin married life on a rented farm, but after years of toil and successful management he moved on his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Eden township, devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits and stock raising in which he is very successful.

PEDER INGEBRIGTHSEN.

The subject of this sketch stands in the front rank of successful men in his township, having worked his own way to this position. The time and labor spent on his farm have proportionately rewarded him, until now he can spend the remainder of his life surrounded by substantial comforts, enjoying the confidence, respect and esteem of those who know him.

MR. AND MRS. PEDER INGEBRIGTHSEN

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Peder Ingebrigthsen was born near Bergen, Norway, June 16, 1850, son of Ingebrigth and Anna (Petersen) Ingebrigthsen. His father died in Norway, and his wife and family came to Clinton county, Iowa, about 1888 and she died at the age of eighty-six, in 1910, in Minnesota and was buried near Truman, that state. Peder was one of a family of nine, seven of whom are living. His father and the entire family were members of the Lutheran church. Peder grew up on a farm in Norway, and was there educated. He came to Clinton county, July 4, 1869, and began farming, buying one hundred twenty acres in Olive township, to which he has since added forty more. He has spent his life in general farming and stock raising, and was well rewarded for the application which he showed. In 1906 he came to Grand Mound and built a fine, handsome residence, one of the most modern and best in the town. Here he has since lived retired. In politics he is a Republican, and was for one term of three years trustee of his township. He and his family are Lutherans. He was also president for nine years in Olive township and served on the school board for fourteen years.

Mr. Ingebrigthsen was married on March 25, 1875, to Anna H. Malmanger, who was born in Norway, daughter of Hans T. and Inger (Johnson) Malmanger, who came to Clinton county in 1860, and died there. To their union have been born nine children: Annie, wife of Albin Westland, of Davenport; Hans, deceased; Ingelena, wife of C. Nelson, of Olive township, living on his father-in-law's farm; Hans, a graduate of Luther Academy, Albert Lea, Minnesota, and a student of Ames College, Iowa, where he is still attending; Irene, wife of John Wagner, of Olive township, a farmer; Trena, wife of Bryngel Oleson, of Albert Lea, Minnesota, teacher in the commercial department of Luther Academy; Peder, deceased; one who died in infancy; and Grace, at home, still attending school at Grand Mound.

Peder Ingebrigthsen is a man who has many friends, and is especially popular among those of his own nationality. He is a man of strong and sterling character.

GEORGE P. KISTNER.

The old Keystone state has sent many of its best and most enterprising citizens into the newer western states and, as a rule, they have performd a very commendable work in transforming the raw country into districts of prosperity and beauty, for they are by nature people of industry, coming from

thrifty ancestors—the type that forms the bone and sinew of our republic—and they are regarded as most welcomed newcomers wherever they settle. One such is George P. Kistner, a prosperous farmer of Eden township, Clinton county, Iowa. He was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1849, and he is the son of Charles and Hannah (Ulsh) Kistner, the father born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1821 and resided there until 1842, when he moved to Lycoming county and there he was married in 1845. In June, 1850, he crossed the Mississippi river at Camanche, and the same year he purchased a tract of land, one hundred and sixty acres, in Eden township, then returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained two years. Mr. Kistner was a carpenter by trade, which he followed prior to and for some years after coming to Iowa. In 1857 he built a dwelling and outbuildings upon his land here and moved upon the same, on which he resided until 1870 when he moved to Low Moor and engaged in the general mercantile business for a number of years. He then moved to Louisiana and engaged in the hotel business. While on a visit to his daughter in Kansas City, Missouri, he was taken ill and died there, having attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years, his wife having died previously in Louisiana at the age of eighty-two years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The elder Kistner built the first school house in Eden township in 1856. He was a Republican in politics. His home was in the path of the famous cyclone of June 3, 1860, and his house on his farm was completely demolished, but none of the family were seriously hurt. A babe, four days old, that was lying on a pillow, was blown into the yard, and found a few hours later, asleep on the pillow under a pile of debris, not even wet by the heavy rain that followed the wind. The first floor was left resting on the foundation, but the balance of the house was gone and a horse was discovered walking around in the cellar, under the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kistner were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary C., widow of William Cary; Emmaline C., deceased, was Mrs. John Van Epps; Martin, Charles, Benjamin (the tornado baby, lived three years after and then died with croup), and Nettie; Harry, of Louisiana, is engaged in the mercantile business.

George P. Kistner, of this review, received a good education in the common schools and spent two years in school at Mt. Vernon. On January 9, 1873, he was married in Montgomery, New York, to Alice Fralick, daughter of Elisha and Fannie M. (Vrooman) Fralick, who came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1868 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Kistner, and since 1874 they have resided on the farm, now making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Kistner, having attained the ages

of eighty-six and eighty-two years respectively. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have a host of warm friends wherever they are known. They are a fine old couple whom to know is to admire and respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Kistner began their married life in the state of New York on her parents' farm, and they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1874 and live on her father's farm. Mr. Fralick had built a good residence on the same in 1886; it was then one of the best farm homes in the county and is still well preserved. Mr. Kistner has kept his place well improved and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He has paid particular attention to the breeding and raising of Holstein cattle, and he also runs a dairy business, shipping his cream to Davenport where it finds a very ready market. He believes from years of experience that the Holstein cattle are the best for dairy purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kistner are both representatives of old settlers of this county, the very best people in the county, in fact, and these families have for several generations been influential in the life of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Kistner are highly respected and have a wide circle of friends, both here and in the state of New York. They are the parents of two children, Nettie and Fannie, both living at home; the former taught two terms of school in Dakota very acceptably.

DANIEL THOMPSON.

A native of Canada, our sister nation, the young giantess of the north, of wondrous resources, whose wheatfields, mines and lumber camps have drawn to her many of the strongest and most courageous of our citizens, but who in return has sent to us many of her own best blood, men who were fitted to cope with all situations of life, of whom the man whose name appears above and who fills a highly responsible position with one of the large manufacturing plants of the city, is an eloquent example.

Daniel Thompson was born in Canada, August 12, 1851, the son of Donald and Mary (McIntyre) Thompson, native Canadians of Scotch descent. His father was a farmer and there lived and died. Of his ten children, five are living. Daniel received his education in the Canada public schools and in a commercial college. He came to the United States in 1870 and located in Michigan, where he took up bookkeeping. He continued that for two years, then went on the road for a time, later entering the hardware business in Michigan. He was engaged in this until 1895, and then entered the manufacture

of harness at Chicago. About five years later, on July 1, 1900, he came to Clinton, bought stock in the Clinton Saddlery Company, and was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer, which he still holds. Of this company C. F. Curtis is president; C. F. Alden was vice-president until July 14, 1910, when C. E. Goltman was elected to that position.

The plant is located at No. 901 South Third street, and has grown in size enormously. At present it employs from seventy-five to one hundred men. It manufactures harness and does a general jobbing business. At present its shipping covers a territory extending over New York, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. When Mr. Thompson came here the factory employed only fifteen to twenty-five men and the volume of business has since then more than quadrupled. Much of this increase has been due to the efforts and attention which Mr. Thompson has given the business. Prospects for the continued increase of operations and for the future growth of the plant are good. Mr. Thompson gives his attention to his work to the exclusion of outside interests. In politics he is a Republican, and held various municipal offices in Ovid, Michigan. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Thompson was married on June 10, 1870, to Sarah Erb, a native of Canada, and three children have been born to them. Frank is in the factory with his father; Minnie lives in Minneapolis, and Edna is teaching mathematics in the Monmouth high school at Monmouth, Illinois.

Mr. Thompson's valuable traits of character have won for him the friendship and esteem of many. He is a thoroughly equipped business man, well fitted for positions of responsibility and management, having proved his capability in these lines.

B. H. A. HENNINGSEN.

B. H. A. Henningsen was born in Schleswig, Germany, November 5, 1826, the only son of Peter C. and Louise (Jessen) Henningsen; his mother died when he was only five years old. He received an excellent education in the schools of his native town and later studied law at Heidelberg and Kiel. He was within two months of taking his degree at the latter university when the troubles of 1848 broke out; the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein declared their independence of Denmark and proclaimed a provisional government, the population flew to arms, and almost the entire student body deserted the university to join the forces in the field. Only a few weeks

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later the whole Student Corps, as it was called, was taken captive by the Danes, in the engagement at Bau, and carried to Copenhagen as prisoners of war. After seven months they were exchanged and Mr. Henningsen at once re-entered the service, later winning his commission as lieutenant for bravery in action. The struggle dragged on through the years 1849-50, until Prussia and Austria intervened and forced the duchies to a humiliating submission; in consequence of this, thousands of the inhabitants chose voluntary exile from their native land, the greater number emigrating to the United States, where they furnished a valuable element in the German population, being generally recognized as examples of thrift, industry and integrity. A large colony had settled in Davenport and through Scott county, and this drew many others to Iowa.

Mr. Henningsen came to America in 1852, in company with a young cousin, August Henningsen, and settled on a farm near Sabula, Jackson county, of which they became joint owners; here also he was married, in 1853, to Elwine Schroeder, the affianced bride who had followed him from the old country. There followed a dozen years of pioneer struggle and hardship until, having sufficiently familiarized himself with the laws and language of the country, Mr. Henningsen resolved to make his education tell in lines more congenial to his ability, and at the close of 1864 he established himself in Sabula as a notary public and conveyancer. The following year he came to Lyons, succeeding the well known F. G. Heinrich in business; he was at once appointed justice of the peace and served as such for twelve years. He was also for several years a member of the city council. Squire Henningsen, as he was then universally called, soon won a wide acquaintance, and became perhaps the most trusted adviser of the Germans of Clinton county. He was especially sought in probate matters, settling a large number of estates with entire satisfaction to all concerned. His wise administration of justice is well characterized by the following anecdote: Two quarrelsome neighbors, having fallen out over some trifle, threatened to take the law to each other: "I'll go to Squire Henningsen about this," said one. "No, not to him," replied the other, "for he'll only give us a good talking to, and tell us to go home and behave ourselves."

In 1877, Mr. Henningsen was elected county treasurer and served four terms with great acceptability; then he was for a time president of the Merchants' National Bank, of Clinton, and still later re-opened his office at Lyons, continuing active along his original lines of business until his sudden death, on May 14, 1909, in his eighty-third year. He was widely mourned in the community of which he had so long been an honored and useful citizen.

Mr. Henningsen was always identified with the Democratic party, but in his later years took no active part in politics; he never joined any lodge or fraternal organization, his sole membership being in the German Association, of Lyons, of which he was president for a number of years.

Mr. Henningsen's wife died in 1893, and the surviving members of his immediate family are his four daughters, Louise D. and Henriette E., at home, and Mrs. W. K. Boardman, of Nevada, Iowa, and Mrs. F. C. Brayton, of Lyons.

CHARLES W. BEEBY.

There could be no more comprehensive history of a city or county or even a state and its people than that which deals with the life work of those who by their own endeavors and indomitable energy have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life, one who has not been subdued by the many obstacles and failures that come to every one, but who has made them stepping-stones to higher things and at the same time that he was winning his way in the industrial affairs of life gained a reputation for uprightness and honor.

The above paragraph was suggested by contemplating the eminently useful, unusually active and altogether praiseworthy career of Charles W. Beeby, one of the best known men in financial, industrial and social circles in this part of Clinton county. He is mayor of the town of Charlotte, president of the Charlotte Savings Bank, extensive agriculturist and stock-feeder and shipper and candidate for state senator on the Republican ticket in 1910. A broad-minded, public spirited, able, energetic man of the people, whom to know is to respect and admire.

Mr. Beeby was born near Charlotte, Clinton county, Iowa, on February 13, 1864, was reared to farm pursuits and educated in the public schools and a business college, receiving a good education. He is the son of Daniel and Permina (Reed) Beeby. The father was a native of England and the mother of Iowa. They were married at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, and came to this county in the spring of 1855. He was born on January 26, 1822, and in the old country was a tradesman. Upon coming to Clinton county, Iowa, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which had a small amount of poor improvements. He remained there until all his children were born and engaged very successfully in general farming and stock raising. He made

extensive improvements on this farm and added to his lands until he had seven hundred and fifty acres. In politics he was a Republican, but never aspired to office. He gave his own business all his attention. He was reared in the church of England, from which he never departed. He underwent many deprivations and hardships in helping to settle and build up the county. When he came to this locality it was sparsely settled, and there was an abundance of game, wild beasts roaming at will. He was among the very early settlers and was one of the influential men of his time, and is worthy of an honorable place in the history of Clinton county. He continued on the farm until 1897 when he retired from active farming and spent his declining years at Charlotte. He was widely known among all the old settlers and was highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. He died on February 2, 1908, his wife having preceded him, dying on the 22nd of February, 1900. She was the daughter of Paul and Nancy (Fen) Reed, both of Pennsylvania, and they came to the vicinity of Gabena, Missouri, about 1850. The father died at Hanover, Illinois. His wife came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought a small farm, and kept the family together, rearing them in credit and respectability.

Charles Beeby, brother of the father of the subject, came here before the father came and bought land in this neighborhood, improved a farm and after a number of years sold out and moved to Dakota. He was among the first to settle here and was a great factor in getting the country settled up with good men, most of whom came to him, and he would help them hunt their land, doing all he could to get them settled. He had money and the needy who came to him were always helped. He took no note and no security, and when they were ready to return the money no questions were asked. He was one of the first settlers in southeastern Dakota, where he farmed until his retirement from active life, and he died in northern Iowa, at Akron. He was not an aspirant for office at any time. The father of the subject was a Republican, and he was a member of the United Workmen. His children were as follows: Charles W., the subject; Sylvester, a farmer, who died September 17, 1904, leaving two children; Francis T., a farmer and stockman, died April 30, 1900, a single man; Harry E., a farmer and stockman, buys and ships fat stock, and now resides at Charlotte; Alice, Mrs. Joseph Yando, lives on a farm; John died young.

Charles W. Beeby, of this review, was reared in this vicinity and remained under the paternal roof until twenty-one years old, then engaged in farming for himself. He continued general farming, and raised and bought cattle for the market and shipped to Chicago, being very successful in his dealings.

He yet maintains two large farms. On March 1, 1904, he came to Charlotte and built a commodious residence, which he sold and built another fine modern two-story frame house, situated on a natural elevated site, overlooking the town, where he has a most handsome residence. For many years he has been buying and shipping fat stock at all seasons of the year in large numbers, and is assisting the people of the county in furnishing the markets with their stock. He pays current prices and they are satisfied. He assisted in the organization of the Charlotte Savings Bank, with fifty thousand dollars capital, and was made a director thereof, in 1900 was elected president, and again in 1908 was made president. The bank has been a pronounced success, being owned and managed by substantial business men, and the depositors have the utmost confidence in the management, it being known among the very solid institutions of Clinton county. It is a bank of deposit and discount, and does a very large general banking business as well, also buys and sells exchange.

Mr. Beeby is a Republican and uses his influence for the party and as a reward for the efforts he has put forth in his party's behalf he was given, by the party leaders, without solicitation, the nomination for state senator in the fall of 1910. He has never been an aspirant for office, but has always been interested in public affairs.

Fraternally, Mr. Beeby is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and Modern Brotherhood of America. He is a enterprising and public spirited citizen, ready to help build up Charlotte and the country at large.

Mr. Beeby was married on February 2, 1892, to Louisa Denoma, who was born in Clinton county in March, 1862, a lady of intelligence and culture, a daughter of Joseph and Angeline Roberts Denoma, of Canada, who came to this county in 1852, the father becoming a prominent farmer and stock raiser. The father, who died in March, 1885, was a Catholic. His wife died in 1890. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Denoma: Joseph, a farmer; Anthony, a farmer, stock raiser and merchant; Ocdabo, a farmer; John, a farmer; Adeline, Mrs. Faver; Philemon, Mrs. Burnitt; Sarah, Mrs. J. Thompson; Louisa, wife of the subject of this sketch; Emma, Mrs. J. Gray; Eugenia, Mrs. Jen Sorsen.

No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beeby. Religiously, Mrs. Beeby is a Catholic, which faith she was reared in.

CLAUS KRUSE.

Among the many thrifty and enterprising citizens of Clinton county who have come to us from the great German empire, benefitting alike themselves

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and us, is Claus Kruse, extensive farmer and stock raiser in the vicinity of Goose Lake, a man who is in every way deserving of the large success he can claim.

Mr. Kruse was born near Kiel, province of Holstein, Germany, August 20, 1835, and was reared on a farm and educated in his native country. He is the son of Paul and Margaret (Shombarger) Kruse, both of the same province in Germany. The father was a farmer and speculator, a very progressive man, and came to America in 1853. Emigrating to Iowa, he first located at Davenport, where he remained two years and found employment in a brick yard and in burning lime. At the expiration of the period indicated, he came to Clinton county, bought a small tract of land and improved and cultivated it, later adding to it until he had one hundred and sixty acres. He carried on general farming, raised and fed stock in a small way and was successful. He gave all his attention to his farm and its products. He was a Democrat, but never aspired to office, and was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He became well known and was highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. He died in his eightieth year; his wife preceded him in death at the age of seventy years. Ten children blessed his marriage: Claus, of this review, being the sixth child. Four are yet living, viz: Joseph, a farmer in this township; Peter runs a lumber yard at Goose Lake; Margaret, wife of Peter Hagge, of Goose Lake; Claus, of this review.

The subject remained at home and assisted his father until he married, in 1862, then settled on his eighty-acre tract of land, erected a small house and began work. He had sold his inheritance from his father, forty acres of land, to his brother and bought the eighty-acre tract. He has been increasing his lands ever since and he yet holds the original eighty-acre tract, and now owns over sixteen hundred acres of the finest land in Deep Creek township, most of which is well improved farms, which he rents. His son manages the home farm. He has done general farming, and raised and fed stock which he markets, and his sons are carrying forward the work he inaugurated. He is very successful. He also invested in bank stock in the Goose Lake Bank, and has some vacant lots in Goose Lake. He has made good investments in all his operations and is among the more prominent and financially strong citizens of Deep Creek township. He has retired from active operations and turned over to his sons the management of his extensive farms. He and his wife are in the full enjoyment of a well spent life. He is widely known and has the confidence and respect of all that know him. He was brought up in the Lutheran church, from which faith he has never departed.

Mr. Kruse married Catherina Petersen, who was born in the province

of Schleswig, Germany, in April, 1841, a daughter of Hans and Catherina (Neave) Petersen, both of Germany. The father was a farmer, and in 1857, shortly before the death of the mother, which occurred in Germany, the wife of the subject, one brother and one sister, came to America, and in 1867 the father came to this country and joined his children, all settling in Clinton county, Iowa. The father found a good home with his daughter, Mrs. Kruse, where he died in March, 1884. He was a good farmer in the old country and was proud of the choice of his children who came to America. Four children were in his family, the wife of the subject being the third in order of birth. Mrs. Kruse died on April 6, 1911, and was buried in Ingwersen cemetery.

There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kruse ten children, namely: Henry, now helping to run the home farm, a good financier, and stockholder and president of the Goose Lake Bank; Adolph is also on the home place; Emma, Mrs. Peter Peterson; Lena, wife of Paul Martinsen, a farmer; August is a prominent farmer in this county; Ferdinand is also a farmer; Edward and Johannis, neither married and both farmers, live together; Francis, wife of John Ploog, a farmer; Alfareida is at home, single.

Claus Kruse has proven himself to be a good financier and a very successful man, entirely self-made, making his start from the forty acres of land from his father, and he helped his father in getting the land. He is unpretentious, never making any great fuss about what he is doing, but quietly looking out for his own interests and picking up bargains in good lands, working hard and making but few mistakes, using good judgment in all transactions, and by hard work and honest dealing he has created a large estate.

BIRT WAUGH.

Herein is partially recorded the history of a family of honorable and worthy men and women, who have taken their share in the development of Clinton county. And what more can one do for one's country than the rearing to manhood and womanhood of twelve strong citizens, as did the father of the subject, the wagonmaker of Maquoketa and farmer of Clinton county.

Birt Waugh was born in Brookfield township, Clinton county, Iowa, on January 10, 1875, on the farm which he now owns, the son of Edward

Fletcher Waugh and Liddy (Smith) Waugh. Edward Waugh was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1833, the son of natives of Ireland, who came to Jackson county, Iowa, in an early day where he lived to the age of ninety-nine. Edward Waugh came to Jackson county in 1854, and there met his wife, who was born in New York, February 21, 1843, and came to Jackson county in 1852. For twelve years Mr. Waugh followed the wagonmaker's trade in Maquoketa, then, having been set back by the war, in 1866 he removed to Clinton county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which he afterwards added one hundred and sixty more. Here he lived and farmed successfully until 1907, when he returned to Maquoketa, and now lives there in retirement. In politics he is a Republican, and has held local offices in Brookfield township. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. They were the parents of fifteen children, twelve of whom are living: Lester, Vernon Edward, Etta (deceased), Sherman (deceased), Arthur, Clinton, Gertrude, Allie, Birt, Charles, Anna, Mary (deceased), Bird, Edward Fletcher and Elbert.

Birt Waugh grew to manhood on the old farm, and attended the common schools and Dixon's Normal College, then engaged in farming, and now owns eighty acres of land. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. For about ten years he has been the owner of a threshing machine, and spends his summers largely in the work of threshing. He and his family are members of the Methodist church. On January 17, 1905, he was married to Martha Richie, who was born on April 26, 1884, in Liberty township, Clinton county, the daughter of C. E. and Ella (Calkins) Richie. C. E. Richie came early to Clinton county; here his wife died, and he is now living at Toronto, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Waugh are the parents of one son, Fay Elsworth, born January 31, 1906.

Charles Waugh, a brother of Birt, was born on the Waugh homestead on June 27, 1877. He attended the public schools, is a farmer, and works eighty acres of land, giving special attention to the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. He is, like all his brothers, a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows. On October 10, 1906, Charles Waugh was married to Celia Vogelsang, of Clinton county, Iowa. Two children have been born to them, Thelma and Melvin.

Edward F. Waugh, another brother, was born on February 27, 1884, attended the common schools, and early began farming. He is working eighty acres of the homestead, and is also a breeder of Shorthorn cattle, a Republican, and an Odd Fellow, like his brothers. He was married on March 26, 1906, to Hermina Kettlesen, of Clinton county. One child, Vera, has been born to them.

Another brother, Elbert, works the remaining eighty acres of the homestead. He also is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. In politics he is a Republican.

The Waugh brothers are all excellent farmers, and strong, progressive young men. They have many friends, and no family in their community is more highly respected than the Waughs.

WILLIAM J. MEVES.

Among the farmers of Spring Rock township, Clinton county, who are deserving of mention in a history of the province of the one at hand is William J. Meves, who is a man of well-established principles and who takes an interest in the affairs of his community, delighting in witnessing the advancement of the same and the success of his neighbors.

Mr. Meves was born in Berlin township, this county, in 1875, and is the son of W. H. and Anna (Graves) Meves, both born in Germany, from which country they came to America when children with their parents and the mother's people located in Illinois, near Moline, while the father's family moved to near Davenport, in Scott county, Iowa. The maternal grandparents came to Wheatland, Iowa, about 1880 and there spent the remainder of their lives. The paternal grandfather died when his son, W. H., father of the subject, was twelve years of age. The latter was thus somewhat handicapped in his youth, but he made the most of every discouraging situation and became self-educated. He devoted his attention to farming when a young man, and when the war of the Rebellion broke out, he entered the service of the Union, becoming a member of Company A, Eighth Iowa Infantry, in which he served, with distinction, until the close of the struggle, being, according to his comrades, a most faithful soldier. After the war he returned to Iowa and located near De Witt, Clinton county, and there engaged in farming, which he continued with much success and satisfaction. His wife came to Clinton county in about 1870, her people locating in Berlin township. The father of William J. Meves conducted a hotel at Tama City at different times, and was once a merchant in Wheatland for many years, but farming has been his chief work. He was very successful in whatever line he attempted, and, having laid by a competency for his old age, he is now living retired, making his home at Wheatland, where he has a very pleasant and neat dwelling. In his family were numbered four children, three of whom are living.

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W. H. Meves is a Republican and he and his family affiliate with the German Reformed church.

William J. Meves, of this review, was educated in the schools of Wheatland and he took up farming when a young man and has made this line of endeavor his principal life work. He operates one hundred and eighty acres west of Wheatland, which he has kept well improved and which yields abundant harvests from year to year. He carries on general farming and handles some good grades of stock.

Mr. Meves was married in 1901 to Florinti Schneider, who has proved to be a most worthy helpmeet, and to this union three children have been born, Phyllis, Edwin and Elenora Jenette, the last two being deceased.

In politics Mr. Meves is a Republican, and fraternally a Modern Woodman of America.

CORNELIUS PETERSEN.

As a farmer and stock raiser Cornelius Petersen holds a very high rank among those who make these lines of endeavor their life work in Waterford township. He is one of the large number of our enterprising citizens who have come from the famous province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, having been born near Wick, October 7, 1848. There he spent his boyhood and started his education, but his parents brought him to America when he was ten years of age and here he finished his schooling. He is a son of Marks and Margaret Inga (Magratha) Petersen, both natives of Germany, the father of Rippen and the mother of Foehr. They grew to maturity and married in the fatherland, making that their place of abode until 1859, when they came to America, the voyage requiring eight weeks. They landed at New Orleans and went to Mobile, stayed until spring, then went back to New Orleans and came by steamboat to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, first locating in Center township, where they remained one year, then bought forty acres of timber land, which the father cleared and improved, adding forty acres more four years later, and there he remained until 1873, his wife dying on Christmas night of that year. He then rented his farm and moved to Clinton, and later returned to his native land, where he married, and soon afterwards came back to Iowa, buying a forty acre farm on which he settled. He also bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Sabula, Iowa. He became very well established in due course of time, being a man of industry and a good manager. He bought large tracts of

land, which he distributed among his children. In 1897 he again returned to the fatherland, where his death occurred and where he was buried. He was among the prominent and influential farmers of Clinton county, well known and accorded the highest respect. He had no children by his last marriage. Peter, who was born to the first union, lived on the old homestead where he died, leaving three children; Cornelius, of this review; Martin, who never married, traveled a great deal, spending a great deal of his time in the old country, finally disappearing, his whereabouts not being known; he was formerly a merchant of Clinton, Iowa.

Cornelius Petersen remained under the parental roof, assisting with the work on the farm during his youth. He was married on March 18, 1873, and settled to farming on the homestead, where he remained two years; then in 1875 he purchased ninety acres in section 10, Washington township, this county, later adding one hundred and sixty acres adjoining, still later adding another survey, thus owning a splendid aggregation of land to the amount of four hundred and ninety acres, which he brought up to a high state of improvement, and there remained, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, until 1908, when he bought the B. J. Monahan farm, containing three hundred and seventy-three acres adjoining the corporate limits of Charlotte, which is one of the most elaborately improved and one of the best farms in Clinton county. He keeps it under a high state of cultivation, carrying on general farming and stock raising, buying, feeding and shipping large numbers, being widely known as a stock man. He has sold a part of his Washington township farm, but yet owns two hundred and fifty acres of that farm. He has given his attention exclusively to farming and stock raising and his efforts have been crowned with abundant success He has a beautiful home, in the midst of attractive surroundings and it is known as a place of old-time hospitality to the many friends of the family.

Mr. Petersen is a stanch Democrat in his political relations and he has filled, very acceptably, some of the township offices, such as school director, etc., though he is not an aspirant to public offices, being too busy with his large individual affairs · He is a consistent member of the Lutheran church and he contributes liberally to the support of the church at Charlotte.

Mr. Petersen was married to Anna Hansen, who was born in Germany, November 17, 1851, the daughter of Hans P. and Mary (Ohrms) Hansen, both natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity and were married, emigrating to America in 1866, coming direct to Lyons, Iowa, where they lived a year, later located in Center Grove township and engaged in farm-

ing, Mr. Hansen becoming well established, owning large tracts of land. His death occurred in 1890, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1881. They became widely known, prominent and influential. Their children were: Sabina, who first married a Mr. Paulsen, by whom she had three children, her second husband being N. Holtz, which union resulted in the birth of three children; Peter first married Mary Petersen, and later Lena Bolt; August lives in Minnesota; Henry married Mattie Breitholtz and her death occurred in 1884; he then married Maggie Bock; Anna, wife of the subject.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Petersen the following children have been born: Henry, a retired farmer; Johannis is an agent for Arkansas lands; Mark lives on the old homestead; Adolph is managing the home farm; Edward is at home; August, who is at home, was manager of one of Mr. Petersen's farms in Arkansas, which has recently been sold; Amanda is the wife of the Rev. Carl H. Olsen, pastor of the Charlotte Lutheran church; Malinda is still a member of the home circle.

JAMES B. CLARK.

We of today owe a world of gratitude to the old pioneers, those hardy sons of the soil who did so much for later generations and whose examples we should, in many ways, attempt to follow, for they were, as a rule, not only sturdy in brain and brawn, but in character also, being scrupulously honest and hardworking, looking to the general improvement of their communities along material, civic and moral lines. Such a man was James B. Clark, long since "gathered to his fathers," who will long be remembered in Clinton county, especially in Maquoketa, where he long maintained his home. He was born in New Jersey, July 17, 1802, and was the son of Bailey and Mary Clark. When a young man he learned the trade of wagonmaker and became very expert in this line of work, always finding a demand for his highly skilled labor. When a young man he emigrated to Ancaster, Canada, where he married Jane Ware, who was born in Tichiel, England, April 9, 1811. In the spring of 1855 the family moved to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where Mr. Clark died three weeks later of smallpox. A few weeks after that event Mrs. Clark purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, where she made her home until her death. Eleven children were born to this family, of whom nine are living; they were Mrs.

Mary A. Wilbur, of Norwich, New York; Francis, of Delmar, Iowa; Mrs. Esther A. Kettle, of Los Angeles, California; William, of Delmar, this county (see his individual sketch); Mrs. Elizabeth Older, deceased; Mrs. Jane A. Sackrider, deceased; John N., of Sedalia, Missouri; Benjamin G., of Indianola, Iowa; Emma A. has remained single; Nehemiah, of Flagler, Colorado; Mrs. Hattie L. Rossiter. The mother of these children, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, was called to her reward on February 21, 1892. Francis Clark, mentioned above, purchased one hundred and twenty acres adjoining the old Clark homestead in Bloomfield township, of which he owned eighty acres.

John N. Clark, referred to in the preceding paragraphs, proved his loyalty to the Union cause by enlisting in the Federal army in July, 1862, having worked hard all day in the harvest field, but he walked to De Witt, Iowa, in the evening. Being only eighteen years of age and short of stature, he placed pads in the heels of his shoes in order to make the required height. He had obtained his mother's consent and became a member of Company F, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served gallantly until the close of the war, seeing service in some of the hardest engagements during that sanguinary struggle. He was never wounded or taken prisoner and no sickness overtook him. For meritorious service he was promoted to corporal.

James B. Clark, the immediate subject of this sketch, was a thorough and painstaking farmer and he kept his place well improved and made a success of whatever he turned his attention to.

AUGUST KRAMER.

The Kramer family is one of the thriftiest and best known among the German element in the western part of Clinton county, especially Spring Rock township, where they maintain well improved farms and comfortable and attractive homes, all of which they have made by indomitable energy and persistent endeavor along legitimate lines. One of the representative members of this family of the present generation is August Kramer, who was born in Illinois on October 2, 1856, the son of Henry and Christina (Sittler) Kramer, both born in Germany, from which country they came to America in 1852 and located in Adams county, Illinois, as early settlers and there they began farming and became well established. In 1864 the family came to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, where the father conducted a general store

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during the balance of his life, dying in 1866; his widow survived him thirty-seven years, passing to her rest in 1903. She was a woman of most magnanimous impulses, and was the mother of nine children. She and her family were Lutherans.

August Kramer, of this review, was educated in German in the schools at Lyons, Iowa. He began farming when a boy and has always continued this vocation, his efforts having brought him abundant success. In the fall of 1875 he bought, in connection with his brother-in-law, two hundred and forty acres of good land in the northern part of Spring Rock township, this county. They farmed in partnership for a period of nine years, then rented a farm of the subject's father-in-law for the next ten years, having sold his share of the former place. He was a good manager, a hard worker and saved his money, and in 1894 he purchased the excellent place which he now makes his place of abode, moving here in 1895. He first bought one hundred and sixty acres, later one hundred and forty acres on the river. He has brought his land up to a high state of cultivation and he carries on general farming in a manner that stamps him as being abreast of the times in every particular. He also raises and feeds a great deal of stock. Among the substantial improvements which are noted on the place which he has made are the excellent barns. He also has a neat and very cozy dwelling.

In the spring of 1885 Mr. Kramer was married to Mary Reedesel, who was born in Ohio, on April 14, 1861, from which state she came to Clinton county, Iowa, with her parents, who located in Spring Rock township, about 1869. This family has always ranked high in the communities where they have lived. To Mr. and Mrs. Kramer three children have been born, namely: Edna Elenora, March 25, 1886; Louise Emielia, December 5, 1888, and Henry George, August 25, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer are faithful members of the Reformed church, and politically he is a Democrat, but independent in local matters, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems most eligible for the office sought. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

EDMUND L. COOK.

The spirit of a noble and earnest life is that which animates the honored subject of this sketch, than whom no man in Clinton county is better known

and few occupy as high a place in the esteem and confidence of the public as he. His career has been replete with good to his fellow men and now, in the evening of life, as the shadows lengthen and he proceeds onward toward the twilight of the journey's end, he is cheered by the consciousness of duty well done and faithfully performed and the heartfelt desire of his many friends is that his days may yet be many in which to bless the world by his presence and influence.

Edmund L. Cook is a native of Welland county, Ontario, where his birth occurred on the 9th day of October, 1830. In 1842, when a lad of twelve years, he removed to Clinton county, Iowa, with his parents, Robert and Ruth Cook, and settled on the claim of eighty acres in Brookfield township which his father purchased of the government. There were not many white people at that time in the township, the population of the northern part consisting of about eighty people, old and young. White neighbors were few and far between. Later, about the year 1854, Mr. Cook drove overland to California, making the trip with a single team and a covered wagon and during that and the two years ensuing he followed mining, but met with only fair success in his search for gold. Returning to Clinton county in 1856, he settled in Brookfield township and turned his attention to a surer way of acquiring a fortune in agriculture, which, with the breeding and raising of stock, he followed with gratifying success until his retirement from active life a short time ago. Meanwhile he added to his real estate from time to time until his farm now contains three hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as the county of Clinton can boast, the soil being deep, fertile and admirably adapted to agriculture and pasturage, and the improvements of all kinds being among the best in the township. In the prosecution of his labors as a farmer Mr. Cook has always been enterprising and progressive and his success has been such as few achieve on larger and more pretentious estates. He has succeeded in all his undertakings so that in his old age he is well situated financially, having a beautiful and attractive home, amply supplied with comfort and conveniences, and a fortune of sufficient magnitude to render his future free from care or anxiety. Though never a politician, he has kept in touch with the times on all matters of public interest, and concerning the great questions and issues before the people he has ever had well grounded opinions which have carried weight and commanded respect. He has permitted few, if any, to exceed him in his efforts to promote the varied interests of the community, all means for the social and moral advancement of his neighbors and fellow citizens enlisting his co-operation and support, and throughout a long and busy life he has

always been governed by the principles of honor and rectitude which gained the confidence of his fellow men and won for him a large place in public favor.

Mr. Cook was married the first time in 1861 to Emma Wilberger, of Indiana, who died in 1867, after a brief and happy wedded experience of six years duration. On October 16th of the latter year was solemnized his marriage with Adaline Sparks, whose birth occurred on the 26th of March, 1835, and who departed this life August 1, 1901. The following are the names of the children who constitute the family of Mr. Cook: Edmund L., born August 11, 1867, is a custom official in the government service at Washington, D. C.; Ruby A. Hill, born August 8, 1870, is connected with the Savings Bank of Elwood, this county; A. L., cashier of the First National Bank at Lost Nation, who was born June 17, 1873 (see sketch); DeLoyd K. Cook, whose birth occurred on April 18, 1875, was graduated from Drake University, Des Moines, in 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Laws, after which he received a certificate admitting him to practice in all the state courts, later being admitted to the federal courts. He married, on the 21st of December, 1898, Esther M. McKenzie, who was born June 18, 1879, being a daughter of Dr. H. M. McKenzie, a prominent physician and representative citizen of Elwood; four children have been born to this union, namely: Harold, Ruth, Donald and Herbert M., all living. D. K. Cook is not only one of the distinguished lawyers of the state, but has also made his influence felt in political circles, having been twice chosen a delegate to the Republican state conventions, besides taking an active part in national campaigns.

The subject of this review is proud of his family and has every reason to be so. His children appreciate his efforts in their behalf and now, in homes of their own and responsible positions and professions, they hold him in the highest esteem, repose great confidence in his judgment and counsel, and by all means at their command endeavor to keep unsullied the luster of an honored family name. Though practically retired, he still lives on his farm and gives personal attention to his business affairs. He takes great interest in fine live stock, making a specialty of blooded horses, which he breeds and raises for the market, and he feeds a large number of cattle, which add very materially to his income. He has literally remained in the harness during all the years of his long and somewhat strenuous life and, though past the eightieth mile stone on the journey from this world to the next, he is still hale and hearty, retaining to a marked degree his physical powers, being mentally as keen, alert and observing as in the days of his prime.

CLAUS J. GLUESING.

On the farms are found the plain and elemental virtues and the rugged strength which characterize the citizens of any state which can be ranked as truly great. Here better than in the city's rush and turmoil have these virtues the chance to grow and expand, and reach fruition in lives which may be quiet, but are not weak. As still waters run the deepest, so we may find the truest, strongest characters in the quiet of some farming community.

Claus J. Gluesing was born in Holstein, Germany, March 2, 1836, son of Jacob and Margaret (Paulsen) Gluesing. His parents were natives of Germany, and his father died there in 1842. His mother came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1869, and died here in 1876. Of their four children, two are living.

Claus Gluesing grew to manhood in Germany and received his education there. In 1866 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and worked on the farms for three years, then in 1869 he rented a farm, and in 1872 bought a farm of eighty acres, to which he has added until now he is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres, all of which has been made by his own exertions. In 1902 he retired from active work and came to De Witt, where he has since lived. In politics he is a Democrat, and was township trustee of De Witt township for four years, and before that was road supervisor and school director. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church of De Witt.

Mr. Gluesing was married on February 18, 1869, to Agatha Marie Levsen, daughter of Lorenzo and Anna Catherine (Sebersen) Levsen. Her parents were natives of Schleswig and came to this country in 1852, and located on a Clinton county farm, and here her father died September 18, 1882, and her mother on March 9, 1890. They were the parents of six children, of whom three are living. Mr. Levsen was a Democrat and he and his family were Lutherans.

Mr. and Mrs. Gluesing are the parents of ten children: Margaret C., born November 24, 1869; Anna C., born January 9, 1872; Louise M., born May 12, 1874; John L., born November 10, 1876; Claus H., born December 12, 1878; Claus J., born March 2, 1881; Frederick B., born April 5, 1883; Bertha D., born September 10, 1885; Matilda A. M., born December 16, 1887; and Theresa A. W., born March 9, 1890. Seven of these children are married, namely: Margaret C., February, 1893, to Claus F. Grave; Anna C., January 14, 1896, to William Timm; Louise M., January 14, 1896, to Joseph H. Wiese; John L., September 4, 1901, to Martha Gaulitz; Claus H., in

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February, 1902, to Jennie Osterberg; Claus J., May 17, 1905, to Cora Weston; Frederick B., December 7, 1910, to Emilie Statley.

Mr. Gluesing reached this country with nothing, at an age well into young manhood, and has by his industry and exertions since made himself one of the leading and prosperous farmers of the township. Surely such a life is an inspiration to any one who may read of it, or who knows his history. He is spending his older days in peace, surrounded by his friends.

JOHN FRED BENDTSCHNEIDER.

In going over Clinton county one is impressed with the large number of thrifty farmers of the Germanic race who have settled within our borders, most welcomed citizens, all of them, for they are, it may be said, almost without exception, hard workers; they believe in improvements, in progress, in keeping abreast of the times, and in such a nature-favored region as this we find them almost always prosperous, for all they have to do here is to work, to make the effort and their toil is abundantly rewarded.

One such is J. F. Bendtschneider, whose birth occurred in Germany in September, 1846. He is the son of John and Catherine (Sievers) Bendtschneider, both born in Germany, where they were reared and married; they came to America in May, 1857, and located in Davenport, Iowa, and there lived a year and a half, then moved to a farm near Charlotte, Clinton county, where they lived several years or until the father's death in 1869. He took out naturalization papers and became one of the community's best citizens, and he was a successful farmer. His wife survived him until the spring of 1888. They were the parents of three children. The father had served quite awhile in the German army and he made an excellent soldier.

The subject was educated in the public schools of this county and reared on the home farm here, which he worked on when but a small boy and he has made farming his chief life work. In the fall of 1869 he bought eighty acres in Boone county and lived there three years, got a good start and then returned to Clinton county and rented a farm for some time near Bryant. After living on two different farms he moved to Lincoln township and bought two hundred and twenty acres, which place he still owns, and which he has brought up to a high state of improvement. He has a neat, substantial and comfortable home and excellent outbuildings. He has transformed this farm since purchasing it into one of the best in the township in every respect, it being

greatly admired by all who see it. As to fertility of soil, he has brought it up to a high state of cultivation and has so skillfully rotated his crops and applied artificial fertilizers until it is as rich as at any time in the past. He has now retired from active work and is living in an attractive and comfortable house at No. 516 North Sixth street, Lyons.

In politics he is a Republican, but has not been an office-seeker. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church at Lyons.

The subject was married on February 26, 1874, to Anna Born Grants, a native of Germany, from which country she was brought to America by her parents when one year old. This family settled near Charlotte, Clinton county, Iowa, later moving to Lyons, where both parents died.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bendtschneider, named as follows: Ella, the wife of John Ommen; J. Adolph; Martha, the wife of John Holdorf; Clara, the wife of Arnold Peterson; Arnold, Anna and Henrietta, all three at home.

WILLIAM B. CLARK.

One of the well known and progressive citizens of Delmar, Clinton county, is William B. Clark, a man who would doubtless make a success of whatever he turned his attention to owing to the fact that he possesses many of the qualities that win—perseverance, tact, good common sense and a spirit of fairness, and now as the evening shadows of life envelop him, he can look backward across the years with no compunction of conscience and forward with no fear or apprehension.

Mr. Clark was born in Wentworth county, Canada, December 1, 1837, and received a good education in his native community in the public schools and also attended the district schools of Clinton county, Iowa, having been brought here in his boyhood by his father, James B. Clark, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. William B. Clark taught school for five years, showing the interest he takes in school work. It was in 1855 that this family came to Clinton county. Here the father died soon afterward and the mother bought a farm in Bloomfield township and the subject made his home on the farm with his mother until after he became of age. At the time of leaving home he bought a farm south of Delmar, and in 1865 he sold out and bought eighty acres in another section in Bloomfield township which he still owns, having later added another eighty, his farm now consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. He brought it up to a high state of improve-

ment and retired from active farming in 1901, buying a modern residence in Delmar where, surrounded by all the comforts of life, he is spending his old age in quiet and happiness.

Mr. Clark was married in 1865 to Harriett Cotton, who was born in Gasport, Niagara county, New York, July 25, 1841, the daughter of William and Harriett (Hanks) Cotton, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of New York. They came to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1859 and located at Maquoketa, where Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married. To this union six children were born. Flora A. Clark's birth occurred on April 21, 1866. She was educated in the schools of Delmar and spent one year in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, then taught school five terms, one term in Cedar county and four in Clinton county. In 1888 she was married to William W. Willey, who was born in Shipton, Canada, May 7, 1859, the son of William and Sarah (McNeal) Willey, the father born in New York in 1819 and the mother in Shipton, Canada, in 1829. They were the parents of seven children, of which number, W. W. Willey, was the fourth in order of birth. They came to Clinton county many years ago and located in Bloomfield township. Mr. Willey was employed as brakeman and conductor on freight trains for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad for many years, then for about six years he successfully conducted a grocery store at Delmar, during which time he also very ably filled the position of postmaster, from 1886 to 1892. He worked at the carpenter's trade for a short time and also clerked in a general store for Fred Goodjohn for about two years. For a number of years he was manager of the Milliken Produce Company, then with his brother Ed and J. C. Spencer and others founded the Delmar Produce Company, of which he was the moving spirit, and he became manager of the same, which position he discharged most worthily until 1909, in which year he moved to Carrollton, Missouri, and became president of the Willey Produce Company. In 1910 he returned to Delmar and is at present connected with the Jeffries Construction Company as bookkeeper and purchasing agent. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Willey are the parents of four children: Isabell G., born in 1892; William F., born in 1895; Paul A., born in 1897; Jeanette E., born in 1901. Since the spring of 1910, Mrs. Willey and family have made their home with William B. Clark, the subject.

The second child of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Clark, Vern B., was born in 1864 and lives at Delmar; Archie W., born in 1868, lives at Colorado City, Colorado; Fred A. died when five years of age; Edith M., wife of George Gage, was born in 1879 and lives on her father's farm; Grace, who married Fred Luther, was born in 1880 and lives at Oelwein, Iowa.

Mrs. William B. Clark was called to her rest on September 25, 1909. She was an excellent woman and had a host of warm friends.

Politically, Mr. Clark is a Democrat and has been more or less active for many years, having held almost all the township offices and since moving to Delmar he has been a member of the school board. He is a public spirited man and never lets an opportunity go by whereby he can do something to promote the community and county. His life has been led along safe and honorable lines and he is held in high esteem throughout the county.

CHARLES BUECH.

A popular and successful merchant of Goose Lake, Clinton county, is Charles Buech, who has the confidence and good will of the people of the vicinity in which he lives, for his dealings with his fellow men have always been square and straightforward and he has done much for the upbuilding of the town and vicinity.

Mr. Buech was born near Kiel, Germany, August 26, 1860. He came to America at the age of five years and was educated in the Iowa district schools. He is the son of Charles H. and Anna (Ehlers) Buech, both born in the old country, where they married. He continued a laborer until 1865, when he came to America, the trip on an old sailing vessel requiring seventy-one days. They landed at New York, and a week later they were in Davenport, Iowa. The subject's grandfather also came. They had small means, and had all to make and nothing to lose. From Davenport they came to Clinton county by ox team. Charles H. Buech got his family located and he did such work as he could find to do; his children gleaned the fields of the farmers after the harvest. The following season he rented a small farm and was successful; the next season he rented a larger farm, and the next season rented still another larger farm, worked hard, as also did his family, his wife and children working in the harvest. Success crowned his efforts and in 1875 he made a sale, selling off stock and machinery, and in 1877 bought out a hotel and dance hall with saloon, and engaged in business, in which he continued ten years, then retired to his private home, where he remained until 1888, when he, with the subject, bought the store which the son continues to conduct. They rented the building and four years later bought the building and he left his name to the business to establish credit for the son. The firm name at that time was C. H. Buech & Son, under which name the firm yet continued

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in business (until after the death of the father) and in which the son has also been successful, it being now known as the Charles Buech Company. C. H. Buech was retired for many years, and his death occurred September 14, 1909. His wife died in May, 1900. In early life he was a hardworking man, and by honest dealing he created a competency for his old age. He was reared a Lutheran, from which faith he never departed. He was always a social man, and enjoyed having his friends around him. He was well known and highly respected and his honor and integrity were above reproach. He seldom failed on a payment, or if he did, he would make arrangements so that no trouble would result. He was formerly a Republican, but later became a Democrat, but had held no office. To him and his wife were born three children, Charles, Johanna and Lena.

The son, Charles, bought and held the store, and in starting out, for a number of years he worked three hundred and sixty-five days in the year; he worked up a good trade and has been very successful. He has had some misfortunes such as usually overtake business men, and was once robbed of over one thousand dollars, but he kept steadily at his work and now has an excellent trade and does the business for Goose Lake and surrounding country. He gave the business all his attention. When he bought the store his father received the appointment of postmaster and he appointed the son assistant. They continued in this relation until 1893, when he was appointed during President Harrison's administration. He has established a rural route and has increased the postoffice receipts from thirty-five dollars per quarter to more than eighty dollars. He was once mayor of the town, but he does not aspire to office. He is widely known and commands the confidence and respect of the town and surrounding community and all who know him.

Mr. Buech was married on April 27, 1893, to Dora Martens, who was born in the province of Holstein, Germany, on October 30, 1867. She is a worthy wife and good helpmate. She is the daughter of Hans and Margaret (James) Martens, both of Holstein, Germany, where he was a stone contractor for public and private and railroad bridges. There they remained until all their eight children were born, and in 1880 they brought their family to America, landed in New York and later came to Iowa. They rented a farm in Pottawattamie county, and lived there five years, then bought a farm in Harrison county, and remained there until 1905, when he turned over the farm to a son and retired from labor. He resided at Persia, Iowa. He was successful in general farming and stock raising. He and his wife are both living, he seventy-eight years of age and she seventy-five years old. Both were brought up in the Lutheran church and they have never departed from that

faith. They had eight children, the wife of the subject being the fourth child.

Four daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beuch, namely: Emma, born January 25, 1894, is well educated and is clerking with her father; Maleta, born July 9, 1895; Lillian, born September 26, 1897, and Dora, born November 21, 1902.

Mr. Beuch has not been an aspirant for political office, but he has continued postmaster over twenty years, his faithful services being very satisfactory to the public.

LOUIS C. KEINER.

Success has been worthily attained by Louis C. Keiner, who is prominently identified with the business life and upbuilding and development of the town of Goose Lake, Deep Creek township, Clinton county, a man who has the confidence and good will of all who know him, for his life has been exemplary.

Mr. Keiner was born at Davenport, Iowa, February 13, 1865. He was reared there and attended school, later went to a German private school and received a good elementary education. He is the son of John E. and Catherine (Arp) Keiner, the former born in Schwartzau, Saxony, the latter a native of America. They were married at Davenport, Iowa. He was by trade a nailsmith in the old country. He came to America in 1858, landed at New York and soon after came to Davenport, Iowa, when that city had just started. Later he was employed in a sawmill and was the head sawyer for twenty-five years. The firm name was French & Davis and later French & Son. During this period he married and later visited his native country one year, then returned to Davenport, and engaged in the saloon business two years. He was successful and then he settled on a farm in western Iowa and lived there six years. His wife died in 1880; then he returned to Davenport and lived there four years, then came to Goose Lake in January, 1893, and bought a hotel, including nine acres of land, and the subject took the business and has since conducted it successfully. He was formerly a Republican and later a Democrat, but never aspired to office. He was reared in the Lutheran church, from which faith he never departed. He was enterprising and public spirited and well posted in business. He bought bank stock and also brewery stock. He came to America with no

money, but by good financial methods and honest dealing, he created a good estate. For many years he made his home with the subject, his son, after coming to Goose Lake, where he died August 23, 1910, and was buried at the Engwesen cemetery. He was kindly cared for by his son and family and his declining years were spent in contentment and were the happy days of his life. The earliest days of his business life after coming to America, were spent like those of many Germans coming to this country—they had nothing to lose and all to make; he fought out the battle of life and won. He was a broad-minded, intelligent man and a good financier. By hard work and honest dealing he created a competency for his old age. He was social and enjoyed friends around him. He was charitable to the afflicted and needy, a good neighbor and friend. He became widely known and highly respected, his integrity and honesty being above reproach. He reared two sons and one daughter, all influential and highly respected, the subject being the second youngest child. The father died at a ripe old age, being in his eighty-third year.

Louis C. Keiner, of this review, remained under the parental roof, until 1889, when he married at Omaha, where he was clerking, and there he remained as a clerk for four years, then came to Goose Lake, Iowa, where he has since remained. He has remodeled his house and added to it and built machine sheds and increased the property and engaged in selling machinery, coal, flour, feed and all kinds of machinery, buggies, carriages and wagons. He erected an electric light plant and lights the town. He has caused the streets to be macadamized and gutters put in, and has done more than any other man in making and building up Goose Lake. He promoted the Goose Lake Savings Bank, and got it organized in January, 1908, with a capital of twenty thousand dollars, with Henry Kruse, president; George B. Boothby, vice-president; and W. F. Schroeder, cashier. Directors: H. Kruse, George B. Boothby, Louis C. Keiner, W. F. Schroeder, L. E. Keiner, Christopher F. Schroeder, J. Sullivan and C. F. Schroeder. It was organized under the laws of the state as a bank of deposit and discount. A recent statement makes the following showing: Resources—loans, time and demand, $84,757.07; realty and fixtures, $15,569.50; surplus, undivided cash and due from banks, $15,569.50; liabilities—capital, $20,000; undivided profits, $1,734.55; sight deposits, $24,689.08; savings deposits, $61,706.61. Four per cent on savings. The subject is a director and active in the interests of the bank and one of the live men of Goose Lake. He, with two other men, bought land and platted an addition to Goose Lake, known as Kruse's addition. The subject has invested some surplus in Texas lands,

large tracts of valuable real estate. He is enterprising and public spirited and ready to take hold of any enterprise to boost Goose Lake and is among Clinton county's sturdy men financially.

Mr. Keiner married Mary Martons, who was born in the province of Holstein, Germany, and came with her parents to America. She is the daughter of Hans and Margareta (James) Martons, both of Holstein, Germany, who left the old country and came to America in 1880, and were successful farmers and have now retired from all active business. They are Lutherans and reside at Persia, Iowa. He has been successful and is well known and highly respected, a good citizen. They reared four sons and four daughters, the sons being successful farmers; one has died.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keiner: Johnny, born in 1892; Edward, born in 1893; Malinda, born in 1895; Helma, born in 1897; Janett, born in 1899; Louis, born in 1901; and Mona, born in 1903. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keiner were reared in the Lutheran church, from which faith they have never departed. They are popular in the social life of the community and are pleasant people to know.

JOSEPH F. BLUMER.

The soil and climate of Clinton county are especially suited to stock farming, and of the many branches of stock farming, dairying is one of the most profitable when systematically managed. The value of the dairy products of this country is infinitely greater than the value of the product of the gold and silver mines, and it is difficult to conceive how we could live without the milk and butter which are supplied for us by the faithful cow. Mr. Blumer has found in dairying an attractive and pleasant pursuit, and has shown his good management in conducting this business.

Joseph F. Blumer was born in Scott county, Iowa, on November 19, 1887, the son of Jacob J. and Mary (Nelson) Blumer. His father was born in Engi, Switzerland, and came to Scott county, Iowa, in 1881, where he met Mary Nelson, who had come to the county from Sweden about the same time, and married her. They were the parents of five children, of whom two are living, Joseph and John. Mrs. Blumer died in 1894, and Mr. Blumer is now living in his native village of Engi, Switzerland.

Joseph Blumer grew up on the farm, and attended the public schools. In 1893 his parents came to Clinton county, and located on a farm of two

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hundred and forty acres. His father improved the farm and erected the present buildings, including a handsome residence. Joseph now owns one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the homestead. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and makes a specialty of dairying. This he has made profitable and he is following in his father's steps as a successful farmer.

In politics, Joseph Blumer is an independent voter. Though young, with his life mainly in the future, he has already accomplished much as a successful farmer and has made many friends for himself. In character he exemplifies the strong traits of the two strong races, the Swiss and the Swedish, from which he is descended. He is a young man of the finest traits of character. He carries on an extensive business, employing three men, and, not being married, he keeps two men and their families, beside a boy, to look after things in general.

WILLIAM F. HANRAHAN.

For a number of years William F. Hanrahan, well known merchant, general stock and coal shipper and grain dealer, of Charlotte, Iowa, has been a potent factor in promoting the progress of Waterford township along material, social and civic lines, consequently his name well deserves a place in the record of the representative citizens of this locality.

Mr. Hanrahan was born in Upper Canada, near Ottawa, March 10, 1837, and was reared on his parents' farm and received a good practical education. He is the son of William and Ellen (Flynn) Hanrahan, both natives of Ireland, he born in county Tipperary and she in Cork. Both came to Canada when young, in 1825, and were married there. He was the son of Daniel Hanrahan, a farmer and an early settler in Canada, where he reared his family, and there his death occurred. After this event, in May, 1861, his widow and all the family came to Clinton county, Iowa, the father of the subject having come in the fall of 1860, bought land and returned to Canada and in the spring moved the family here; his mother spent the remainder of her days here, dying at the advanced age of ninety years. Her family consisted of eight children, all of whom settled in this county and all died here. William Hanrahan, who married in Canada, was born in 1802 and his death occurred in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years. He bought land here and improved it, spending the remainder of his life here. He was very successful as a general farmer and he raised and handled large

numbers of live stock for the market, shipping to Chicago. He paid seven dollars per acre for his first land, and by thrift and industry added to the same until he owned two hundred and forty acres. He had one of the best farms and most comfortable homes in the early days here. Politically, he was a Democrat and was a member of the Catholic church. He was a good and useful man in his community, charitable and ready to assist in any good cause at all times, and he was highly respected by all. His wife died in December, 1880, at the age of seventy-two years; she was the daughter of James Flynn, a native of Ireland, where he spent his life. She had three brothers in Canada, James, Thomas and Patrick, who later settled in New York. Five sons and five daughters were born to the father of the subject, named as follows: Daniel, a farmer, died, leaving six children; William F., of this review; Ellen, Mrs. Magin; Margery, Mrs. T. Dunn; Julia entered the convent and later went to France, thence to South America; Mary, Mrs. Boyle; Nancy A., also a sister at an orphans' home, New York, where she died aged thirty-four years; Thomas a successful farmer, died leaving five children; Martin, farmer, died in the East; Patrick, farmer, is yet single.

William F. Hanrahan spent his youth at home and assisted with the farming until he was twenty-four years of age, then came to Iowa and assisted his father start a new home. He then engaged in farming for himself and in buying fat stock and marketing them before the days of railroads, and was very successful. He continued thus for several years, then, in 1871, he and C. McGinn erected a building at Charlotte and engaged in the mercantile business. After a year or two he bought Mr. McGinn's interest and he has continued to conduct the business alone and has been rewarded with abundant success. In the early days he was obliged to do credit business, and the most he ever lost in one year was about one hundred dollars. His business grew until he was not only busy himself, but his wife and various clerks assisted. He has several farms, and he is also a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Charlotte, Iowa. He has built three valuable properties, which he rents. He has furnished coal to the people of this vicinity for thirty years, and since 1881 he has been engaged in buying and shipping grain. He has been very successful in whatever line he has turned his attention to, and he is one of the leading financiers and men of commerce in this vicinity, and has done as much as any other man for the good of the town and community. During Cleveland's administration he was appointed postmaster and filled the position for four years in a very creditable manner. He has witnessed and been a most important participant in the general development of the town and surrounding country,

and he is widely known and commands the respect and confidence of the people. Politically, he is a Democrat and he has filled the office of tax collector for several years. He has been a notary public since 1876 and he has performed a great deal of successful business. He was reared in the Catholic faith and has never departed from the mother church.

Mr. Hanrahan was married to Mary O'Toole, who was born in Canada and who has made a worthy and faithful helpmeet. She is the daughter of Thomas O'Toole, of Ireland, who came to Canada in an early day, thence to Clinton county in 1853, having had but very little capital when he reached here. He first rented a farm, later bought and sold farms and engaged in stock raising, feeding and shipping. He made a specialty of grading up young short-horn cattle, visiting cattle countries and bringing young thoroughbred stock to this county, becoming widely known as a stock man, and thus by his industry he created a large estate. Politically, he was a Democrat and he filled the office of justice of the peace. His death occurred May 20, 1908. He was a member of the Catholic church and was a good and useful man, honored by all. In his family were ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, the wife of the subject being the third in order of birth.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanrahan: Frank is assisting his father in the store; Laura is still at home; Charles is assistant cashier in the Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank at Charlotte; Birdie is the wife of Frank Monahan, undertaker; Aloysius is assisting his father in the store; Sarah is at home and is engaged in teaching music.

HANS H. CHRISTENSEN.

One of the young and progressive farmers of the vicinity of Calamus, Clinton county, is Hans H. Christensen, who has achieved success because he has worked for it along legitimate lines and has left no stone unturned to better himself, and judging by the strides he has made toward the goal of success in the past, the future holds for him much of promise.

Mr. Christensen was born in this county on June 7, 1876, and is the son of Hans and Bertha (Faltensen) Christensen, both natives of Norway, the father born on September 12, 1822, and the mother on December 12, 1832. They grew to maturity in their native land and were educated there, coming to America when single and locating in Clinton county, Iowa, the

father emigrating here in 1857, and the mother in 1861, and here they were married in 1862. Eight children were born to them, six of whom are living. The paternal grandmother, Bertha Christensen, came to this county from Norway with her son Hans, father of the subject, and here she spent her last days. Hans Christensen was a farmer by profession and he became the owner of a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying on August 14, 1884. In politics he was a Republican, and he and his family were members of the Lutheran church. The mother of the subject is still living, and is making her home with her son, Hans H. She is now advanced in years, but is active and keeps her home neat and attractive.

Hans H. Christensen was reared on the home farm, which he assisted in developing, having been put to work in the fields when but a lad, and he attended the neighboring schools during the winter months. He has devoted his life to farming and is managing the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in an able and successful manner, keeping the place well improved and handling some good stock. Politically he is a Republican, but he has never been an office seeker. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Christensen has remained unmarried.

JOHN N. HOMRIGHAUSEN.

The farms of Clinton county are well suited to the raising and feeding of cattle. Luxuriant pastures offer in the growing seasons of the year the best of nourishment for the animals which are to become food for mankind, and the cornfields yield a product which is most easily and profitably marketed by feeding it to stock where grown. Stock feeding maintains the fertility of the soil better than any other means can, and thus the stock feeders are the farmers who obtain the largest yields from cultivated crops. But, like most other branches of farming, stock feeding is not profitable unless managed along systematic business principles, as the Homrighausen Brothers have done, and they owe their success as stock dealers to the same methods.

John N. Homrighausen was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the old Homrighausen homestead, on April 9, 1870, the son of John H. and Marie Christine (Peek) Homrighausen. John H. Homrighausen was born in Germany on July 12, 1827, and came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1864. Here

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he was married on December 5, 1868, his wife, who was also a native of Germany, having been born on October 23, 1845. They were the parents of six children: John N.; Charles L.; Elizabeth, now the wife of Fred Rowold, of Wheatland; Anna, the wife of William Hoker, a farmer of Liberty township; Fred, a farmer of Spring Rock township; and Mary, the wife of Ferdinand H. Schneider, of Spring Rock township.

John H. Homrighausen settled on one hundred and twenty acres in Clinton county, and added to this until he owned at the time of his death three hundred acres of land. In politics he was a Democrat and he and his family were members of the Reformed church. Hard working, honest and thrifty, he accumulated a considerable estate, and was a man who had many friends and possessed a strong influence in his community. His death occurred on July 15, 1893; his wife survived until May 19, 1909.

John N. Homrighausen grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. As soon as he was old enough, he began to help on the farm, and has made farming his business since. He now owns two hundred and ten acres of the homestead, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. His brother, Charles L. Homrighausen, who was born in Spring Rock township on October 19, 1871, owns one hundred and seven acres of land, and he and John N. farm together under the firm name of Homrighausen Brothers, and also are dealers in cattle and stock feeders. Their success has been marked. Both brothers are unmarried, both are stanch Democrats, and both are members of the Reformed church. Charles L. and John N. Homrighausen are clean cut, straightforward young men, of the type which one likes to meet, and their past success can only augur a more prosperous future.

HARRY E. BEEBY.

Clinton county has been especially honored in the character and career of one who has forged his way to the front by a strong inherent force and well directed intelligence and judgment, and who stands today among the representative men of Charlotte and vicinity. No man in his locality occupies a more honored place in the estimation of his fellow citizens than Harry E. Beeby, prominent stock and business man and vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank of Charlotte, a man who has done much for the general upbuilding of his vicinity and who is eminently de-

serving of the large success he has achieved and the esteem of his fellowmen.

Mr. Beeby was born in Clinton county, Iowa, May 3, 1870, and he was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools. He is the son of Daniel E. and Peninah (Reed) Beeby, the father a native of England and the mother of Pennsylvania. They were married in Clinton county, and the father came to Iowa in an early day and bought land and improved a farm, to which they added until they owned about seven hundred and fifty acres of general farming land and raised stock, later fed and shipped to the market. The father was a successful farmer. He was a Republican, but never aspired to office. He came here with small means and by hard work and honest dealing improved four farms and created a substantial estate. He was born on January 26, 1822. He was sociable and enjoyed the society of his friends. He was charitable to the afflicted and needy, a good friend and neighbor. He was well known and highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. He was reared in the church of England, from which faith he never departed. He died on February 2, 1908. His wife preceded him to the grave, dying on February 22, 1900. She was the daughter of Paul Reed, of Pennsylvania, who was, in an early day, a steam boat pilot on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. He came to the vicinity of Galena, Illinois, in 1850, and Paul died at Hanover soon after the family moved to this county. He was a Republican, but held no office. He was a widely known man, especially along the rivers as a result of his long boating career, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Following is a list of his children: William, S. P., Joshua, Jeremiah, Emma, Ann E., Permina and August. The children born to the subject's father were C. W., a stock shipper; Sylvester, who died in September, 1904, leaving a wife and two children; Francis D., a farmer, died in 1903, a single man; Harry E., of this review; Alice M., Mrs. Jos. Yando; John died young.

Harry E. Beeby was reared in Clinton county on a farm and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years old, when he rented the homestead farm and the father retired to Charlotte. He worked the old farm, and continued renting until his father's will gave him the farm and he remained there.

Mr. Beeby was married in February, 1899. He engaged in general farming and raised, fed and shipped stock, continuing on the farm until March, 1910, when he moved to Charlotte, where he resides. Later he sold a portion of the old farm and bought other land in this township, which place he conducts himself for grass and feeding stock. He continued feeding and

shipping stock and in 1907 he assisted in organizing the Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank, of Charlotte, took stock and helped make a strong institution of it. At the first meeting and organization of the directors he was made vice-president and director, which position he yet holds. The bank has a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and the standing of the officers and directors is a guarantee to the depositors of safety, and this is recognized as among the very solid institutions of Clinton county. Mr. Beeby is a strong Republican, but does not aspire to political preferment. He is a worthy member of the Modern Woodmen of Charlotte, and is widely known throughout Clinton county and commands the universal respect of all who know him.

Mr. Beeby married Hattie M. Seeley, who was born in Clinton county in 1870, a lady of intelligence and culture and the daughter of W. H. and Lib (McClure) Seeley. The parents were married in the county. The Seeleys are all from the state of New York, where the father of Mrs. Beeby enlisted in the Union army and served through the war and then settled in this county. He saw hard service and underwent deprivations and hardships such as was meted out to soldier life. When he settled here he soon afterward engaged in farming, which he continued until March, 1910, when he retired to Clinton. He filed on a hundred and sixty-acre tract of land in 1899 in Dakota where he improved and settled a farm, and where he continued until he sold out in 1910. He has a competency for his old age and also draws a pension. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a strictly moral man and a faithful soldier and commands the respect of all who know him. His children are: Arch, Nettie, Hattie (wife of the subject), William, Ida, Loring, Earl and Lloyd.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beeby, namely: Flossie, born June 3, 1900, and Ruby, born May 28, 1902.

FRED J. MUELLER.

One of the best known and influential citizens of the vicinity of Buena Vista, Clinton county, is Fred J. Mueller, the representative of an excellent old family and a man who has labored along such lines of high endeavor as to secure success in any field. He was born in Henry county, Illinois, in 1864, and he is the son of Henry and Margaret (Garneart) Mueller, both born in Germany, where they grew to maturity, but came single to America and located in Illinois where they were married and there they took up farming. In 1864, shortly after the birth of their son,

Fred J., of this review, the family moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and located on a farm adjoining on the east the present Mueller farm, buying three hundred and twenty acres, which they improved and on which they lived and farmed for many years, then moved to Calamus and there died, but his widow is still living in that town. The elder Mueller was a general farmer and stock raiser and was very successful, especially in raising Durham cattle. He was influential in his community, but was no public man, preferring to lead a quiet life. His family consisted of ten children, an equal number of sons and daughters, eight of whom are still living. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a Democrat.

Fred J. Mueller, of this review, was educated in the home schools and when young in years turned his attention to farming, which he always followed. He has a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres and is a general farmer and stock raiser. He is a stockholder in the Farmers and Business Men's Mutual Telephone Company.

Mr. Mueller was married in 1894 to Agnes Kuehl, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kuehl, early settlers in Scott county.

Owing to the prominence of the subject's father, Henry Mueller, the following paragraphs of this sketch will be devoted to his career. He was born June 3, 1833, and was the son of David Mueller, who came to the United States in 1854, and located at Hampton, Illinois, and there engaged in farming. Henry Mueller married, in 1860, Margaret Carneart, who was born in Germany. She left Germany with her parents, Henry and Marie (Bevall) Carneart, on May 10, 1854. They settled in Chicago, where they remained three months, then moved to Hampton, Rock Island county, Illinois, where they began farming. The parents died in Illinois.

After his marriage Henry Mueller lived in Illinois until 1864, when he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought a farm where Henry Mueller, Jr., now lives. He became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, which he improved and on which he lived until 1896, when he retired to Calamus, where he resided until his death. His widow is still living in Calamus. They were always members of the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM A. TYLER.

An enterprising and highly respected citizen of Camanche township, Clinton county, who is deserving of the success he has achieved during his long years of labor in this, his native community, is William A. Tyler, a man

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who has sought to maintain the high standard of living set by his family and has therefore won the esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mr. Tyler was born in this township and county, September 12, 1848, and is the son of John A. and Phoebe (Pearsall) Tyler, the father born in Ohio, May 21, 1824, and died August 20, 1871; the mother was a native of New York, born December 9, 1827, and died in January, 1873. They were married in Clinton county, Iowa, about 1840, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Camanche township and followed farming all his life. He was one of the well known and influential pioneer settlers of this county and a highly respected citizen. He was a worthy member of the Masonic order.

The paternal grandparents of William A. Tyler were Carley and Elizabeth (Simcox) Tyler. Carley Tyler, a sterling pioneer, was born in Vermont in 1792, and in his earlier years was engaged in rafting lumber on the St. Lawrence river. He enlisted in the army during the war of 1812 and fought at the battles of Plattsburg and Lundy's Lane, and served until the close of the contest. In 1818 "Uncle" Tyler, as he was familiarly known, joined the Masonic fraternity, taking the degrees in a lodge at Utica, New York, and he was sixty years a Mason, always living in accordance to its worthy precepts. He emigrated in 1819 to Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, then the far-off Western frontier, where he married, in 1820, Elizabeth Simcox, and they remained there until 1842 engaged in general farming, during his twenty-two years' residence there clearing, improving, partially broke and erected buildings upon nine farms, selling each as soon as thus improved. When it is remembered that each of these farms had to be literally chopped out of the dense timber, a conception can be formed of the vast amount of labor required during those twenty-two years. In 1842 he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, making the journey from Shalersville to Cleveland by team, thence to Chicago (a little hamlet in a swamp) by water, and thence to Camanche by team. Here he bought, for a horse, saddle and bridle, the pre-emption right to what is known as the Ten Broeck farm, two miles southwest of Clinton, which, after some years, he sold, and purchased from a Mr. Goddard what is known now as the Miles place, some four miles west of Camanche, where he rented until about the opening of the Civil war, after which time he lived principally in Camanche. He was successful in his labors and laid by a competency for his old age. His death occurred on July 21, 1878, in his eighty-seventh year.

In the early days of Masonry in Clinton county, when Camanche Lodge No. 60 and Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19 were instituted, the one in 1856

and the other in 1857, and there were no Masonic bodies nearer than Davenport, their meetings were sure to draw numbers from many miles around, and upon their rolls are to be found the names of very many who have since become prominent in every walk of life. These oldtimers will recall Carley Tyler, then an aged man, as tyler of both these bodies, he having been a charter member of each. He was a good and useful man, was one of the oldest settlers of Clinton county and one of the oldest and worthiest Masons in the county. His memory was undimmed up to the last and it was indeed interesting to listen to his reminiscences, and, looking ever on the bright side of life and, having a keen sense of the ludicrous, his fund of anecdotes of pioneer days and the war of 1812 was full and entertaining. He was a type of the old stock who, in defense of honor and right, did not flinch before the bayonets of Wellington's veterans and who did not hesitate, with rifle on one shoulder and axe on the other, to hew from the dark and gloomy woods happy and sunny homes. His like is not met with nowadays.

Carley Tyler's wife, Elizabeth Simcox, was born November 19, 1802, in the state of Ohio, and there she grew to maturity, marrying Mr. Tyler in 1815, and to this union nine children were born, named in order of birth as follows: George C., March 9, 1822; John A., father of the subject, already mentioned; Royal, October 4, 1826; Rahama, December 27, 1829; Horace Weaver, April 6, 1832, died November 11, 1892; Nancy, June 8, 1835; Jerome, February 3, 1838; Stearns, December 13, 1842; Chancy, June 30, 1844. Of these children, Rahama is the wife of N. Walrod, and Nancy is the wife of J. A. Walrod.

The death of the mother of these children occurred on February 6, 1890, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. She was widely known and loved by all, having been a remarkable woman, kind, charitable and genial. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church, with which she became identified in 1829, and lived a consecrated Christian life, and died in the faith, happily and with fortitude, as had her worthy husband many years before.

The second house built in the city of Clinton, now standing, was erected by Royal Tyler, mentioned above. It is of stone and was put up in 1839.

Four sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tyler, parents of the subject, all living except one, namely: George D.; William A. of this review; Mary, wife of George Muhs; Amelia, wife of C. B. Roman; Charles E.; Henry F.; and Adaline (deceased). Those living make their home in Clinton county.

William A. Tyler received a limited education in the common schools and began life for himself at the age of sixteen years, when he started in as

clerk in a general store at Camanche. He subsequently took up farming and this has been his principal life work. He was married on September 14, 1869, to Hulda M. Stafford, daughter of Winchell and Sarah Stafford, of Montgomery county, Iowa. Her father was supervisor of his county two terms. He was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Tyler's only brother, Frank, is deceased; her two sisters are Mrs. M. Prichard and Mrs. D. Vetter, both living at Grant, Montgomery county, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler began their married life on rented land in Montgomery county, and in 1870 they came to Clinton county, this state, and purchased eighty acres, which they later sold and moved on the homestead farm. In 1883 they moved on their present farm, then consisting of one hundred and seventy-two acres, adding to this from time to time until they now have a fine and well improved farm of three hundred acres, very productive and under a high state of cultivation. Their residence was destroyed by fire in 1902, and it has been replaced by a beautiful, commodious and modern home; an excellent barn and good minor improvements have also been made; in fact, everything about the place is of the best type and indicates prosperity and good management.

Mr. Tyler has been a very successful farmer and business man. He always keeps a good grade of live stock, and has an excellent dairy. He separates his cream, which he ships daily, and he finds a very ready market for his dairy products.

He has served his township as trustee for two terms and was secretary of the school board for twenty-four years. In politics he is a Democrat and takes an active part in local affairs and, in fact, is regarded as one of the leaders in county politics, always interested in the general welfare of the same and ready to do his full share in promoting the public good. He is prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member and liberal supporter of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler are members of the Old Settlers' Association. They are popular throughout the county, numbering their friends by the limits of their acquaintance only, and no family in the county is held in higher esteem.

To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tyler nine children have been born, namely: Kittie M., July 17, 1870, is the wife of John Livingston and they have two children, Ruth and Helen; Clara E., April 6, 1872; Bruce, June 3, 1874, died May 21, 1878; Fannie M., who is the wife of E. Olson, was born February 14, 1877, and they have one son, Ellsworth; Mary J., July 17, 1879, is

the wife of Willem Allar; George E., October 29, 1881; Harry A., December 31, 1883; William R., May 25, 1886; Raymond A., July 8, 1890. They are all receiving good educations and careful home training.

CHRIS SCHROEDER.

One of the successful farmers and business men of Deep Creek township, Clinton county, is Chris Schroeder, whose life has been led in a manner that has brought no offense to any one and has resulted in great good to his neighbors, friends, and in fact, the community in general, and he is in every way, deserving of the success he has achieved. He was born in the province of Holstein, Germany, July 24, 1864. He came with his parents to America in 1880, and was reared on a farm. He was educated in his native country and in the district schools of Iowa, receiving a good elementary education. He is a son of Otto and Wiepke (Rostack) Schroeder, both of Holstein, Germany. The father, who was a laborer, came to America in the year indicated above, landed at New York and came by rail to Clinton county, Iowa. When he came he had very small means and for the first year he worked as a farm hand. The second year he bought a small farm, and he found by this investment that he had hard work ahead, but was equal to the occasion. In 1898 he sold out and bought property at Goose Lake, remaining retired until 1901, when he sold out and has since made his home with one of his sons. By hard work and honest dealing he created a competency for his old age. In politics he was independent and claimed the right to vote for the man of his choice, regardless of politics. He never aspired to office himself. He was reared in the Lutheran church, from which faith he never departed. He is social and enjoys his friends around him, charitable to the afflicted and needy, a good friend and neighbor. He is widely known and highly respected and his honor and integrity is above reproach. He is now, at the ripe age of eighty-two years, well preserved and hearty. His wife yet survives, at the age of eighty-eight years. She belongs to the same church. She is his second wife, and was a widow, Margaret Wiese, with two children, whom he reared and brought to this country. His first wife and mother of the subject died in the old country, where he married the second wife. By the first wife, he had five children, namely: John, who died in 1881, aged twenty-three years; Dora, Mrs. Gosch, of Goose Lake; August is a farmer in Jackson county; Herman, who lives in Waterford township; and Chris, of this review.

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The subject was born in the old country and came to America with his father and remained under the parental roof until his marriage, in 1888. He then bought the old homestead and did general farming, continuing this vocation until 1894, when he bought ninety acres additional land and continued this work until 1899, when he sold out and rented two years near Bryant, and in 1901 bought his present farm and moved to it in 1902, where he has since remained. He has two hundred and twenty-three acres in section 15, Deep Creek township. He is a general farmer and raises stock and feeds cattle and hogs for the market in Chicago. He has been successful in all his undertakings. He is a stockholder and director in the Goose Lake Bank, also vice-president of the Preston Telephone Company. He is public spirited and enterprising and ready to help build up the county. Politically, he is a Democrat and well posted in all public affairs. He was elected secretary of schools and in the same year was elected township trustee, being made president of the board. He was elected director in 1908 of the Goose Lake Bank, which institution he helped to promote and organize, and it has been a success and is among the solid institutions of the county. In 1908 he was elected vice-president of the telephone company. All these positions he has filled with credit to himself and satisfactorily to the people concerned. He was reared in the Lutheran church, and from that faith he has never departed.

Mr. Schroeder was married to Minnie Kruse, who was born in this township in 1866, a worthy wife and good helpmate. She is the daughter of Hans and Margaret (Peterson) Kruse, both coming from Germany in 1853. Her father became a prominent farmer and stock raiser in this township. He took little interest in politics and held no office. He was also a Lutheran, and among the early settlers, and a large family of the same name and connection settled in Deep Creek township. He was widely known, a man highly respected, of sterling integrity and honor. He died in 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years, leaving a good estate. His first wife preceded him in death, dying in 1887, and he again married, his last wife being a widow, Frederica Bartel, also from the old country, and she yet survives. There were no children by his last marriage, but eleven were born to the first marriage, all dying young except four: Minnie, wife of the subject; Peter is a farmer on the old homestead; Fred is a farmer on the same place; Emil is a farmer.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder six children have been born, namely: Edward, born May 25, 1889; Emil, born May 25, 1891; Herman, born August 24, 1893; Elfrieda, born September 3, 1896; Leroy, born July 1, 1901; Ralph, born October 14, 1905.

LEWIS C. BROOMFELDT.

It is doubtful if any agriculturist in Center township, Clinton county, understands better the modern methods of farming than Lewis C. Broomfeldt, and he has the ingenuity and persistency to so apply them as to reap the best results. He was born in this county on September 23, 1869, the son of J. Frederick and Margaretta (Joehnk) Broomfeldt, natives of Germany, the father having come to America about 1855 with his parents, Claus D. and wife, and located in Clinton county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of Chris Freeze, the latter having purchased it from the government. This land was in turn purchased by the subject and is now owned by him. His parents were married in this county. When a young man the father was employed as a laborer on what was known as the Calico railroad. He and the subject's grandfather led lives typical of pioneers in the early settlement of this county, when they farmed with somewhat primitive implements compared with those used today, when the wheels of their farm wagons were sawn from the bodies of trees and drawn by oxen. They often had to go to Davenport to get labor during a busy season, but perseverance and energy won a good home and they became well established, being successful as early day farmers. The father's family consisted of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, four of whom are living: Bertha, now Mrs. Peter Schroeder; Cathrina, now Mrs. H. Mundt; Dors, now Mrs. M. Hansen; those deceased are, Lena, Maggie, Anna, Emma, August, Henry and Fred.

Lewis C. Broomfeldt, in his boyhood, received a good common school education. When a young man he spent three years in western Iowa and southeastern Missouri. Returning to his childhood home, he was married, on April 22, 1892, to Pauline, daughter of Anton and Migraetha Stoltenberg, who were natives of Germany, from which country they came to America in 1867, locating in Clinton county, Iowa. The father was a stone-mason by trade. This family now lives near Mason City, Iowa, where the father purchased a farm. His family consists of thirteen children, of whom eleven are living, Mrs. Broomfeldt being the fourth in order of birth.

Mr. Broomfeldt began his married life on his present farm, the homestead of his father, and here he soon got a good start. J. Frederick Broomfeldt's death occurred February 23, 1885, and his widow was subsequently married to Jurger Stoltenberg and they now reside at Clinton, she having sold the homestead to her son, Lewis C. The place consists of

one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land, on which he has just completed a very attractive and modern residence of ten rooms. It is heated by a furnace and other modern equipment is found throughout. It was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars. He has erected and remodeled other buildings on the place, having now substantial improvements of all kinds. He is an up-to-date farmer and successful business man and merits the respect and confidence of his neighbors. He keeps an excellent grade of stock of all kinds and feeds a great deal for the market.

Mr. Broomfeldt and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat and is active in party affairs. There are seven children in this family, named as follows: Fred, born August 12, 1892; George, born August 22, 1894; Herman, born December 15, 1896; Margaretha, born July 29, 1899; Edmund, born July 22, 1901, and his death occurred on June 3, 1905; Louise, born March 10, 1907; Raymond, born June 11, 1909.

HORACE M. COSSINS.

One of the substantial citizens of Bloomfield township, Clinton county, is Horace M. Cossins, hardware merchant at Delmar. He is a man who, while advancing his own interests, does not lose sight of the fact that it is his duty to lend his influence in furthering the interests of the community in general. He was born on December 29, 1860, near Bellview, Jackson county, Iowa, and there grew to maturity and was educated. He is the son of Thomas W. and Elizabeth H. (Sharpless) Cossins, both natives of the state of Pennsylvania, born in Chester and Pottsville, respectively. They were reared on farms and educated in their communities, and when they reached maturity were married in the Keystone state, leaving their native hills soon afterwards, however, and coming to Iowa. They located in Jackson county on a farm, near Bellview, about 1846 and there developed a good farm from the wild conditions then existing there, making a very comfortable home. About 1865 they sold out and bought a farm west of Bellview and there the father continued to reside until about 1885, when he sold his place and moved to Maquoketa, Iowa, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1895, when about seventy-six years old, and the mother in 1905, also about seventy-six years old. She was a member of the Congregational church. Six children were born to them, namely: Mrs. Fannie Goodenow lives in Maquo-

keta; Mrs. Josephine Burgess lives in Montana; Mrs. Anna Dorchester also lives in Montana; Horace M., of this review; Mrs. Ella Cundill and Mrs. Lizzie Nitche, both of Maquoketa, this state.

Horace M. Cossins made his home on the farm until 1887, when he came to Delmar, this county, and bought the hardware store of Parker & Bracket and he has continued to conduct the same to the present time. He handles a full line of hardware and harness; in fact, carries a very large and complete line of all kinds of hardware and a full line of light and heavy harness. His is the only hardware store in Delmar. His trade has gradually increased with the years until today he has one of the best and most extensively patronized hardware stores in the county, outside of Clinton. He handles a splendid line of farming tools and his country trade extends over a wide range of territory. Owing to the considerate and honest treatment he has always accorded his customers, they have invariably remained his friends and he is deserving of the large success that he has achieved in this line.

Mr. Cossins is a member of the Masonic order, Monitor Lodge No. 330, at Delmar, Iowa, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Delmar. Politically he is a Republican. He held the office of treasurer of the Delmar schools for a period of twenty-three years, during which time he did all he could for the betterment of the local system.

On September 4, 1889, Mr. Cossins was married to Ella Spencer, who was born in Canada in 1862, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary E. (Ware) Spencer, natives of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Cossins are the parents of three children, namely: T. Percy, born in 1891; Mary Ruth, born in 1893, and Harlan S., born in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Cossins are very pleasant people and their cozy and cheerful home is frequently the gathering place for their numerous friends.

FRANCIS PATRICK McGINN.

A young man who holds worthy prestige in business circles in Clinton, who has always been distinctively a man of affairs and who wields a wide influence among those with whom he has been associated and among whom his lot has been cast, is Francis Patrick McGinn, who has won definite success by the exercise of correct principles.

Mr. McGinn was born September 27, 1880, in Clinton county, Iowa, five miles from the city of Clinton. He is the son of Michael McGinn, who was

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born in county Galway, Ireland, and his mother was Margaret (Fagin) McGinn, who was born in New Jersey and whose death occurred in 1890. The father was a farmer by occupation. He grew to maturity and was educated in his home community, and he came to America on January 25, 1866, coming direct to Clinton county, where he rented various farms, here and in Jackson county, and in 1888 he purchased a farm in Camanche township. He was very successful as a farmer and had a good home. He finally sold his farm and retired, making his home in Clinton. Desiring to spend his declining years in a sunnier clime than this, he went to California some time ago and is now a resident of Los Angeles. He is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGinn three sons and seven daughters were born, namely: Francis Patrick, of this review; Mamie, Catherine, Margaret, Rose, Gertrude, Martha; the next child was named Gertrude after the former child by this name who died in infancy; Thomas and John.

Francis Patrick McGinn was educated in the public schools of Camanche township, this county, and after leaving school he went into the dairy business, having been employed in one until he learned how to manage it. He conducted one of his own for three and one half years in Clinton where he met with very satisfactory results. He finally sold out and in 1903 started the "Pantatorium" in Clinton, which he conducted until 1907, meeting with much encouragement from the start. He then began assisting in the establishment of the well known and popular C. O. D. Cleaning Company in Clinton for a Davenport firm. In March, 1910, he and Charles M. Frahm purchased this establishment and have since been conducting the same on a larger scale and have increased the business very materially. They are well equipped for the highest grade of work, and thoroughness and promptness are their watchwords. Mr. McGinn is a member of the Catholic church and, fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen and the Ben Hur.

Francis P. McGinn was married on October 23, 1906, to Loretta Laughlin, who was born in Lyons, Iowa, April 24, 1883. She is the daughter of Michael Francis and Elizabeth (Carvel) Laughlin, who live in Lyons, this county, and are a highly respected family. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn have no children.

OTTO B. ROENNFELDT.

The name of Roennfeldt is one well known in Center township, Clinton county, where it has been borne by three generations of honorable and

upright men and women, whose lives are here briefly recorded, and who have been influential and prominent in the annals of their community, where their presence was ever a force for good and for its best development.

Claus D. Roennfeldt, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Germany in 1806, and there married Christina ————, who was born in 1804. They emigrated to the United States with three children, two sons and a daughter, in 1852, landing at New Orleans on June 2d of that year, and coming up the Mississippi in a steamboat, arriving at Davenport, Iowa, on June 14th. On August 25th, of the same year, Mr. Roennfeldt brought his family to the farm which is now a part of the homestead of his grandson, Otto. He was one of the first Germans to settle in Center township and endured the privations incident to the lot of the early settler. Having borrowed considerable money, he advanced this to his kindred and friends in the old country to pay their passage to this land. He was generous even to a fault. Of his three children, Maggie died in 1854, Frederick in 1885, leaving a wife and six children; Mrs. Roennfeldt died in 1856, and Claus D. survived until July 21, 1886.

Hans D. Roennfeldt was reared on the farm and devoted his life to that calling. He was first married in November, 1858, to Caroline Schwanz, who died in 1864. On January 20, 1865, he was married a second time to Johanna Schroeder, who was born on May 20, 1845, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Schroeder. Joseph Schroeder was born on October 31, 1806, and died on April 11, 1884; his wife was born on October 30, 1816. The children of Hans D. Roennfeldt are, with the dates of their birth: August F., September 24, 1865; Emma F., July 13, 1868; William G., February 20, 1870, died on January 2, 1871; Margaret C., February 8, 1872; Caroline S., January 11, 1874; Augusta C., January 2, 1876; Herman D., March 18, 1878; Otto B., September 11, 1880; Annie E., August 24, 1883; and Sophia, May 14, 1885, and died on September 21st of the same year. Hans D. Roennfeldt died on December 3, 1899, and was buried in Ingwersen cemetery. He was the owner of four hundred acres of land, on which he erected a handsome residence and a large and convenient barn. He and his wife were active workers in the Lutheran church, and Mr. Roennfeldt was prominent in the local activities of the Republican party. There were few farmers of his day who could equal him in the conduct of a farm in the most profitable manner.

Otto B. Roennfeldt was born and reared on the farm and attended the common schools, and for one year was a student at the Clinton high

school. He was married on September 23, 1903, to Ella, the daughter of Henry and Dora Vogt, of Clinton county. Her father was American born and her mother a native of Germany. Her father was long a blacksmith, residing at Goose Lake, this county, and was well known for miles about. He died on November 21, 1900, of appendicitis, and was buried at Ingwersen cemetery. His wife still resides at Goose Lake. Dora was the eldest of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roennfeldt began married life on their present farm of two hundred acres, which was the homestead of his father and grandfather. Mr. Roennfeldt is a hustler and follows general farming and stock raising, keeping a goodly number of all kinds of stock, including good grade Shorthorn cattle and draft horses, ready for the market. The farm is well known for its extensive improvements and for the excellence of its soil. Its owner is a business-like young man, up-to-date and full of enterprise. In politics he is a Democrat. His stepmother resides with him. One child has been born to his marriage, a son, Vernon, born on December 16, 1904.

REV. FR. M. J. HENNESSY.

Such a life as that led by Rev. Fr. M. J. Hennessy, pastor of St. Patrick's church, near De Witt, Iowa, is to be held up as a worthy example to the youth of the land. He was born in county Limerick, Ireland, in February, 1856. He received an excellent education in the public schools and in Christian Brothers College, and in the Diocesan College at Limerick and St. Patrick's College at Thurles, county Tipperary, where he spent five years. In October, 1879, he came to America and located in Dubuque, Iowa, where he finished his education and was ordained in August, 1881, at the cathedral, by Bishop Hennessy. His first appointment was as assistant to Father O'Dowd, of St. Mary's, temporarily, having remained there two months, then was sent to Boone, Iowa, for a short time, one month, thence to St. Rose, at Waucoma, Fayette county, Iowa. Then he was for a period of two years, by appointment, at St. Theresa, Jackson county, Iowa; he then spent three and one-half years at Monti, Buchanan county, Iowa, then served St. Patrick's church at Nevada and Colorado. Then, after serving three years and six months on three charges, in 1898, he was appointed to the pastorate of St. Patrick's church, Washington

township, Clinton county, and here he spends his entire time, having no other charge, and is doing his utmost for the material and spiritual welfare of his congregation, building up the church, as he has done in all his work, and he is much beloved by all his congregation, being a faithful and devoted worker. The church was established by a missionary priest, the first services being held in a farm house, continuing thus until 1883, when the present substantial brick structure was erected, at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. J. J. Garland was pastor and Rt. Rev. J. Hennessy was bishop. The church has a fine altar and is beautifully decorated, spacious and attractive. After its organization the congregation was first served by Fr. Thomas McCormick, and the first baptism was administered to Michael McDermot in 1875. The first marriage celebrated here was that of Henry Winters and Sarah Showalters, by Rev. Fr. McCormick. The good work has been carried on here by the following priests since his day: J. J. Gafiny, J. Garland, D. Reardon, T. Kiernan, Fr. Hennessy (nine months), John Maloy, and the subject, who took up his work here in August, 1898. He has kept up the property and placed it in excellent condition, keeping the place sanitary, attractive and inviting, spending considerable money on the cemetery and bringing everything up to a high standard of excellence. An excellent water works system has been installed, hot and cold water being available, modern bath and up-to-date appliances, all at his own expense.

Politically, he is a Democrat, but reserves the right to vote for the man whom he deems worthiest to fill the office sought, and he makes no efforts to be a politician. He is a well educated, genial, good-natured and devout Christian gentleman.

CHARLES MATTHEW FRAHM.

The life of Charles Matthew Frahm has not been of an unusual character. Rather than strange or tragic, it has been quiet and unostentatious, a life that has resulted in no harm to those who have come under its influence. Though yet a young man, Mr. Frahm has become well established in business and in years to come will doubtless hold a high rank in the commercial life of this community.

Mr. Frahm was born in West Chicago, June 21, 1881, and is the son of Charles M. and Ida (Schwen) Frahm, the father a native of Davenport, Iowa, and the mother of Chicago. In the last named city, the father maintained a

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store for many years and was a successful retail clothier by occupation, a man of good business qualifications and correct life principles. His family consisted of four children, namely: Charles M., of this review; Arthur; Mrs. Alma Nougey, of Davenport, and Mrs. Ada Swing, of Chicago.

Charles M. Frahm, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Chicago and when a young man he entered a laundry and learned the business. He finally moved to Davenport, Iowa, and on November 11, 1907, he was sent to Clinton, this state, for the purpose of conducting a dyeing and cleaning establishment, known as the C. O. D. Cleaning Company and owned by a Davenport firm. Mr. Frahm was financially interested in the business and, foreseeing that a local firm would be more successful and better patronized by Clinton people, he set about the organization of a local concern, in March, 1910, which resulted in he and F. L. McGinn buying the C. O. D. Cleaning Company and they now operate it for themselves. They are elated over the very noticeable increase in business during the past few months and are being well patronized. Their work gives eminent satisfaction, being of a very high order and promptly and conscientiously done. Their place of business is properly equipped with the most modern appliances and is operated on improved lines. The honesty and integrity of these gentlemen is unquestioned and the nature of their work is indicative of their ability and integrity.

Mr. Frahm was married on September 9, 1901, to May Bentler, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, and is the daughter of John and Lena Bentler. Her mother died when she was two years old. John Bentler is caretaker of the United States arsenal on Government Island, between Davenport and Rock Island. Mr. and Mrs. Frahm have no children.

Mr. Frahm is a member of the Catholic church, the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Brotherhood of America, and he is faithful in the discharge of his duties as a church and lodge man.

AARON P. RECORD.

For various reasons Aaron P. Record, one of the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Camanche township, Clinton county, is deemed eligible for specific mention in this volume, not the least of which is the fact that he was one of the brave "boys in blue" who offered his services during the dark days of the sixties, in defense of the beloved Stars and

Stripes "that have never touched the ground." His life has been one of honest endeavor and filled with good deeds throughout, and now, in its golden evening, he is enjoying a respite in his serene and attractive home at Camanche.

Mr. Record was born May 30, 1841, in Dutchess county, New York, the son of Crandal and Mary (Bush) Record. The father was born on April 5, 1805, and died April 20, 1883. The mother was born September 10, 1803, and died March 9, 1892. They were buried at Union cemetery, this county. They emigrated from New York to Clinton county, Iowa, arriving here on April 5, 1855, and settled in Eden township where Mr Record purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and there engaged in farming. They were the parents of three sons, namely: William H., John P., and Aaron P., of this review; the first two named are deceased.

Aaron P. Record spent his youth at home and his schooling was limited. When the war between the states began, although he was but nineteen years of age he proved his patriotism and courage by enlisting, on July 12, 1861, in Company A, Eighth Iowa Infantry, and he was discharged on April 20, 1866, his services having extended over a period of four years, nine months and eight days. He is justly proud of his war record, his long service in defense of the Union proving his gallantry and his loyalty; but few, if any, of the veterans of his company saw longer service. He was in many important battles, including Shiloh, Vicksburg, through the siege there; Jackson, Raymond, Champion Hill, and many others. He was taken prisoner at Shiloh and was confined in prison at Macon, Georgia, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Libby, Richmond, Virginia, for six months and ten days. He was paroled out in November and exchanged the following April. Mr. Record saw men fall at his right and left, had his canteen and haversack shot from his person, but he was never wounded. He won the praise of his comrades and officers.

Upon his return from the army, Mr. Record, then twenty-four years old, entered school and spent two and one-half years obtaining a practical education. He is a well read man, in fact, one of the best posted citizens of this community, having always been an ardent student.

Mr. Record was married February 17, 1875, to Hannah M. Davy, daughter of William and Mariah Davy. Mrs. Record died June 8, 1881. To this union three children were born, namely: Mary I., born December 10, 1875, married Mr. Van Epps, of this county; Bert, born March 9, 1878, married Leta Smith; Blanche L., born December 9, 1880, married G. L. McKinzie, of Olathe, Kansas, where he is engaged as a florist. The

father of these children married again, his second wife being Mrs. Carrie A. Dinsmore, whose maiden name was Coffman; the daughter of Noah and Rhoda Coffman. Her father was a native of Indiana, where he was born May 17, 1808, and he died June 26, 1892; the mother was a native of Ohio and was born November 2, 1811, dying February 3, 1883. The parents of Mrs. Record were married on January 1, 1832, and they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Eden township. There Mr. Coffman lived and engaged in farming with the exception of the last five years of his life, which were spent in Camanche, whither he had moved and where his death occurred. He and his wife are both buried in Union cemetery. They were the parents of thirteen children, four of whom are living, Mrs. Record being the tenth in order of birth. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Coffman was a well known and highly respected citizen, honest and upright in all his dealings. Shortly after moving here he turned his horses out to graze and one of them swarm the Mississippi river.

Mr. Record began his first married life on his father's farm, which he purchased on September 14, 1881, and where he made his home until 1904, when he sold his farm and moved to Camanche, where he purchased good property, having moved to this place in order to give his children better school advantages. For the past eight years he has been employed as United States mail carrier, delivering the mail from the Northwestern railroad station to the Camanche postoffice.

Mr. Record is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the degree of Knight Templar. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is a loyal Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

To Mr. Record's last union one son was born, Vernon, March 3, 1894. He is a graduate of the Camanche schools and is now taking a college course. Mr. Record has three grandchildren, Lawrence VanEpps, Muriel Record and Leslie P. McKinzie.

HENRY C. PETERS.

Clinton county is well recognized as being one of the best farming regions in Iowa, and indeed in the United States, for the best farming

sections in Iowa have no superior in this country. Fortunate or wise were those who early settled on her fertile prairies, whose amazing richness has brought to them prosperity beyond even their wildest dreams in early times. Certainly the prairies of Clinton county are a beautiful and invigorating sight, when covered with the green fields of tasseling corn, variegated with the verdant sward of the pastures and meadows, on which fat cattle are grazing. Such sights cause the traveler to envy the lot of those who, like Mr. Peters, are the owners and cultivators of these wonderful farms.

Henry C. Peters was born in Germany in 1868, and there educated. In 1882 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and, recognizing the opportunities which its farms offered to men of will and ability, selected farming as his occupation. At present he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and carries on general farming and stock raising and feeding. In this latter especially he has been very successful, and his herds would make a creditable showing anywhere. In politics he is a Republican, while his religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church.

Mr. Peters was married in 1894 to Abelina Hilbert, a daughter of Henry Hilbert, mentioned in this work. To their union have been born two children, Anna, born March 6, 1896, and Ferdinand, born April 6, 1897, both of whom are now attending school, where they are progressing well.

Mr. Peters is a stanch and sturdy specimen of the thrifty German farmer, whose industry and energy have put him to the front among agriculturists of his township and whose genialty and cleverness have won for him many friends.

FRANK LOHBERG.

It is proper to judge of the success and the status of a man's life by the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens, for they cannot help but know the man's character in all his relations with his fellow men, what his ideas and ideals are, what his aims and ambitions have been and of the things that go to show the world the attributes of head and heart of the individual. Frank Lohberg, who is now sleeping in the profound silence of God's Acre, passed so many successful and useful years here that his worth was well

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known and no one has ever spoken in disparaging terms of him. All revere his memory and recall many acts of kindness or charity which he was wont to perform of the fullness of his heart, but not for the praise of his fellows, having had the same characteristics of his honored and popular father, Franz Lohberg, who was one of the notable men of his day and generation in eastern Iowa.

Frank Lohberg was born October 27, 1866, in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, and he was the son of Franz and Elizabeth (Hoeing) Lohberg, the father born in 1829 in Westphalia, Germany, he having been the son of Joseph and Agnes (Benneman) Lohberg. Joseph Lohberg was a man of many sterling characteristics, which have been handed down to succeeding generations. Though the smallest of a family of fourteen children, he was six feet and two inches in height and was well proportioned, being a man of imposing presence and attractive personality. This family was not only sturdy physically, but intellectually and morally as well.

Franz Lohberg grew to maturity in his native country and received a good education in the schools there. He was always more or less a student and by wide home reading and actual contact with the social and business world he became a man of high intellectual attainments, well informed on the current topics of the day and familiar with the world's best literature, although he led a very active and strenuous life. He was a man of rare business acumen and had his business so systematized in all its departments that he managed everything with rare ease and sureness. Believing that the United States held greater advantages for a man of his temperament, he accordingly emigrated to our shores and located in Quincy, Illinois, in 1852, and the following year found him at Lyons, Iowa. With that keen discernment which characterized his entire career, he foresaw the great future of this locality and decided to make it the scene of his future operations. For a number of years he worked for Allen & Waynecup. He was a brewer by profession, and a most excellent one, so that his services were in great demand. He saved his earnings and when the lumbering industry was in its infancy here, he purchased the McGill lumber business, which he managed in a manner that brought him an ample competency and stamped him as one of the leading lumber dealers in this part of the state. His business gradually increased from year to year and branched out over an extensive field by reason of his judicious management. His grandsons, mentioned below, are continuing the business successfully, following out the lines which he inaugurated. He took an interest in public affairs, and, in fact, whatever tended to the general advancement of Lyons

and Clinton county, and was one of the substantial and prominent citizens of this locality, no man being more influential in local affairs. He was one of the founders of the German Club here. The death of Franz Lohberg occurred about twenty years ago, on May 6, 1891, but he is still well remembered and his influence still pervades and inspires the lives of many who were closely associated with him, for he had made a host of friends here and was popular among them. He married Elizabeth Hoeing in 1853, in Quincy, Illinois. She was born on July 4, 1827, and is still living, making her home on Division street, Lyons, Iowa. She has been a most faithful helpmeet and her counsel and encouragement were responsible in no small degree for her husband's phenomenal success and popularity.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Franz Lohberg, one daughter dying in infancy, and Frank, the immediate subject of this review. This family are stanch Catholics and have always been liberal supporters of the mother church.

Frank Lohberg was reared in Lyons and received a good education in the local schools. He worked for his father in the lumber business until the latter's death and then took charge of the same and managed it in a very able and successful manner for a period of six years. On August 23, 1907, he sold out to Ingwersen & Berbeck, and on October 17th of that year his death occurred, his taking off while yet in the zenith of life's powers and usefulness being a saddening blow to his many friends. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and worthily upheld the high principles of this time-honored order.

Mr. Lohberg was married in June, 1887, to Minnie Forret. She is a lady of admirable personality and has a wide circle of friends here. She is the daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Gundenfinger) Forret, of Preston, Iowa, her birth having occurred in 1871. Her parents were people of fine characteristics and well known in their neighborhood.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lohberg, named as follows: Franz, Fred and Louis, all young men of splendid business attainments and worthy sons of worthy forbears, who are striving to uphold the untarnished escutcheon of an honored family name.

The neat, commodious and well furnished home of Mrs. Lohberg is at Division and Main streets, Lyons, and here is frequently shared a genuine hospitality with the many friends of herself and family.

JOHN EDWARD SCHOENTHALER.

The state of Iowa is a farming state, and owes its high rank in production among the states to the value of its farm products, while of the citizens who have given the state such a high reputation for the character of its inhabitants, the greater number are active residents of the agricultural districts. Iowa farmers are known throughout the nation as honorable, substantial and prosperous men, and Mr. Schoenthaler is a farmer high above the ordinary, one of the best Iowan type.

John Edward Schoenthaler was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on July 18, 1871, the son of John Schoenthaler, mentioned in this work. He was reared in Elwood, Clinton county, to which place his parents moved when he was six years old, and there attended the public schools. In 1903 he moved to the farm of eighty acres on which he now resides, which his father had bought in 1902. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising very profitably. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his family attend the Lutheran church.

On February 20, 1895, Mr. Schoenthaler was married to Amanda Jorgensen, born in Berlin township, Clinton county, the daughter of Soren and Bertha Jorgensen. To this marriage have been born two children, Louise Ottillie, born on March 22, 1896, and Orville Leon, born on December 20, 1901.

Soren Jorgensen was born in Denmark on January 10, 1846, the son of Neilson and Christina (Frederickson) Jorgensen, natives of Denmark. His parents spent their lives in Denmark, his father being a farmer by occupation. Of their family of six, four, Christina, Mary, Bertha and Marian, are still living in Denmark; one son, Jergen, lives in Dakota. Soren attended school in Denmark, and when twenty years of age emigrated to Wisconsin, where he worked on a farm for one year. He then came to Clinton county and began to rent in Brookfield township, then, in 1872, bought eighty acres in Berlin township, where he now lives and carries on general farming. Since coming to this country he has been a member of the Republican party and has served as school director. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. On June 26, 1869, he was married to Bertha Roden, who was born in Bluegrass, Scott county, Iowa, the daughter of E. A. Roden. Some years after her death he was married to Ottillie Roden, who was born in Scott county on November 4, 1858. Mr. Jorgensen is the father of five children, Albert, Mrs. Caroline Minster, Mrs. Amanda Schoenthaler, Laura, and Lawrence. His neighbors esteem him highly for his integrity and uprightness.

Mr. Schoenthaler is one of the more progressive young farmers of his township, and very practical in all his work.

LANGWORTHY J. BUELL.

The labors of Langworthy J. Buell, well known citizen of Hampshire township, this county, have been directed along such worthy and conservative lines as to bring definite results, and he now finds himself in possession of valuable property and a comfortable home as a result of his long years of persistent labor and careful planning.

Mr. Buell was born in Lyons, Iowa, September 8, 1854. He is the son of Elijah Buell, who had the distinction of being the first settler of Clinton county and who was a prominent and influential character here in the days of the pioneers and who is given prominent mention in this work.

The subject was next to the youngest child in his family. He was educated in the public schools and grew to maturity on the home place. He later attended the Clinton Business College, and in 1872 and 1873 he took the scientific agricultural course at the university at Ames, Iowa. Thus well equipped for his life work, he returned to Lyons, after leaving college, and lived with his father until he was married, which event took place on March 4, 1878, to Sarah Andice Henderson, who was born February 7, 1859, in Ohio. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Gladys, born May 26, 1880, is deceased; Cleon, of Chicago, was born on May 30, 1882, and is the wife of Dr. Harry V. Shaw; Lloyd L. was born July 18, 1886; George, now deceased, was born March 8, 1889.

In 1878 Mr. Buell came to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hampshire township. His father had entered forty acres from the government. He has placed many substantial improvements on the place and has been very successful as a farmer and stock man, having devoted a great deal of his attention to raising shorthorn cattle for twenty-five years, but he now carries on mixed farming. He has an excellent farm and a comfortable home. It is located in the northeast quarter of section 35, township 82, range 6.

Politically he is a Democrat. He takes a great deal of interest in local affairs and has held the offices of school director, etc., also some of the township offices. He was township clerk for six years and trustee for two years. Like his honored father before him, he takes an interest in whatever tends to the betterment of the county in any way and he is recognized as a leader in local affairs. He is a man whose word is as good if not better than the bond of many men, and he takes a delight in meeting his fellow men half way and on the square. By such characteristics he has won their confidence and universal respect and maintained the high standard of citizenship set by his honored father.

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LOUIS E. FAY.

In this review are mentioned briefly the facts in the life of the gentleman who founded the business now carried on by himself and his brother under the name of Fay Brothers. Fay Brothers are without question the most successful publishers of a newspaper in Clinton, and their paper substantiates all claims made in its behalf.

Louis E. Fay was born at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, September 21, 1861, the son of Horace Amsden and Calista J. (Darrah) Fay. Horace Amsden Fay was born in Lebanon, Grafton county, New Hampshire, December 7, 1827. His father was Joseph Packard Fay, who was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts, April 25, 1792, and died at Concord, New Hampshire, September 9, 1872. Charlotte (Hyde) Fay, his mother, was born in Norwich, Vermont, June 6, 1792, and died in Concord, New Hampshire, February 15, 1872.

Barnabas Fay, the father of Joseph P., was born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, October 30, 1758, and served in the Revolution under Washington, crossing the Delaware with him, and enduring the terrible winter at Valley Forge. His wife, Chloe (Packard) Fay, was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, November 22, 1762, and died at Lebanon, New Hampshire, July 19, 1848. For several years previous to her death she drew a pension as a Revolutionary widow. James Fay, the father of Barnabas, served in the Revolution and died in the army. Barnabas Fay, with five children, moved to Lebanon, New Hampshire, near the close of the last century and established a cloth dresser's business. About 1816 he and his son, Joseph P., moved to a farm near Lebanon, New Hampshire, where Horace A. Fay was born.

Horace A. Fay attended the common schools and had one term at the Lebanon Liberal Institute, but was prevented from going to college by financial reverses which overtook the family. For a time he worked in a grocery store and was for the seven years from 1843 to 1850 employed in a carpet and crockery warehouse, at the expiration of which time he went in with his employer, the firm bearing the name of Page & Fay. Their store burned and what goods were saved were removed to the rotunda of the State House. Mr. Fay sold his interest, and the next spring, together with others, erected the Merchants Exchange building, then the largest and best in the city. He was a Democrat, strong against disunionism and Knownothingism. In 1856 he made many speeches in favor of Buchanan,

the burden of which was devotion to the Union. There was then a strong disunion sentiment in New Hampshire and Mr. Fay made many enemies. He was a member of the committee of seven appointed by the Democrats of Concord to receive President Pierce on his visit to Concord that year.

In the spring of 1857 Mr. Fay sold out his stock of goods and went west immediately after the election, intending to go to St. Anthony's Falls, now Minneapolis, but at Chicago he met a former townsman, Governor Baker, and with him came to Clinton, Iowa. Here he and C. H. Toll bought a raft of lumber and shipped it to De Witt, and in July Mr. Fay built a warehouse opposite the depot at De Witt. In September, 1857, he returned to New Hampshire, and on the 15th of that month was married to Calista J. Darrah, the daughter of Isaac and Rachel (Watts) Darrah, of Bedford. The bridal couple came to De Witt and began housekeeping in rooms over the warehouse, where they stayed for a year. Mr. Fay then entered the stock and grain buying business and was the first to take out a "broker's license" in De Witt. He handled most of the money in the town, one year five hundred thousand dollars passing through his hands. In 1864 he bought land near De Witt and farmed most of the time until 1874, when he bought an interest in the Clinton Chair Company, and worked as bookkeeper for the company one year, then returned to his farm. In 1877 he entered P. B. Wolfe's office as a real estate agent, and had been there but a short time when J. C. Hopkins, the editor and publisher of the *Clinton County Advertiser*, asked Judge Wolfe to recommend a good man to him as correspondent at De Witt for the *Advertiser*. He recommended Mr. Fay, who was immediately engaged and entered his new field with much energy. That year the circulation of the paper was so much increased that the board of supervisors elected it as one of the official papers of the county, and in 1883 the De Witt office was moved to Mr. Fay's new building. In that same year his son purchased the paper. Horace A. Fay remained actively connected with the *Advertiser* as De Witt editor until his death, on March 18, 1905. For many years he had been a member of the school board of De Witt, being first elected in 1866, and was a long time justice of the peace. He was a man of much public spirit, and was much interested in all advancement. His wife died on January 16, 1910.

Louis E. Fay was born September 21, 1861, at De Witt, and attended school there in the winter, spending his summers on the farm. When sixteen he entered the *Advertiser* office as a "devil" at three dollars per week. He was a faithful worker and eager to please, soon became foreman of the

office, then local editor and later manager. He thus learned all branches of the business, being a practical printer, as well as having served in editorial capacities. In 1883 he purchased the *Advertiser* from its proprietor, and carried on the business as sole proprietor until 1885, when his brother, Clarence A. (see his sketch) joined him, and the firm of Fay Brothers was then organized. This firm has since published the paper, and have given their close attention to it. The growth of the paper in circulation and volume of advertising and reading matter has been remarkable. In 1910 the *Clinton Daily Advertiser* had a sworn circulation of over eleven thousand, and its publishers guarantee that its circulation is greater than that of all the other Clinton county papers combined. The *Advertiser* has taken a prominent part in the discussion of local affairs, has been on the people's side and led fights for them, notably for lower gas and pure water. Though published in Lyons, the *Advertiser* was a strong supporter of annexation to Clinton, and led that successful fight. It is a strong Democratic organ, and is very energetic in discussion of political matters during campaigns, but at other times is quiet, the aim of its publishers being to carry on a good newspaper rather than to be the mouthpiece of a political organization. The *Advertiser* took a leading part in the prosecution of a gang of thieves who were working in Clinton and other parts of the state from 1902 to 1905, and thus broke up the gang.

Mr. Fay is active in Democratic politics, was chairman of the congressional committee for several years, and was a candidate for elector on the Democratic state ticket in 1905. He is a member of the Masons, the Eastern Star, the Elks, the Eagles, the Mystic Workers, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Royal Neighbors. He is president of the corporation of Fay Brothers, vice-president of the Citizens Building Association.

Louis E. Fay was married on February 1, 1888, to Amelia Gottlob Thomas, the daughter of Paulina Gottlob Thomas of Lyons. To this marriage three children have been born: Horace Amsden, on November 12, 1888; Carl Harding, on November 16, 1890, both now working in the *Advertiser* office; and Louis E., Jr., born January 5, 1903.

Mr. Fay is a thorough type of the indomitable and determined man of brains and ability, who goes about affairs with the intention to succeed, and does so.

MARSHALL SPRING BIDWELL GAGE.

The name of Marshall Spring Bidwell Gage will long be remembered in Clinton county, for he was for years a prominent figure in business circles and in the life of the city of Lyons and vicinity, and his character was such as to commend him to the youth of the land who desire to make the most of their chances in all circles. By his courage and energy he climbed steadily and persistently and stood firmly upon each round of the ladder until he could reach the next above and plant himself thereon. He won the confidence of all with whom he came into contact and had no difficulty in retaining the same, for his course was always honorable, steadfast and trustworthy and he had friends by the score wherever he was known.

Mr. Gage was born in Burlington, Ontario, Canada, August 25, 1837, and he came of an old family of sterling worth, being the son of James Philip and Mary Jane (Davis) Gage. The father was born on June 10, 1810, in Canada; his wife was also born in that Dominion, and they were reared, educated and married there, and came to Jackson county, Iowa, in 1854, where they remained four years, coming to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1858, locating in Lyons. Here the father erected what is known as the Gage block and there established a grocery store. He became prominent in business circles here and, with the Rands and others, established the First National Bank at Lyons, and he was the first president of that noted institution, his judicious management of its affairs being largely responsible for its rapid development. In 1873 he established the Farmers and Citizens Savings Bank, now known as the Merchants National Bank. He had a genius for organizing and promoting such institutions, was a man of keen discernment and figured prominently in large business affairs,—in fact, was for years looked upon as a leader in business circles and was one of the prominent men of this city. He was a man of pleasing address, a good mixer and everybody liked him. He was independent in politics. His death occurred on April 2, 1883.

James P. Gage was married to Mary Jane Davis on November 24, 1836, and this union resulted in the birth of one child, Marshall S. B., of this review. His first wife having passed to her rest on February 7, 1857, James P. Gage was again married in 1858, his last wife being Helen Julia Buck, of Canada, and this union resulted in the birth of three children.

Marshall S. B. Gage was reared on a farm in Canada and he built up a robust constitution by work in the fields. He received a good education, which was subsequently augmented by actual contact with the business world and by continued home reading. He came to Lyons, Iowa, with his parents in

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1858, and he began his business career by clerking for a period of ten years in his father's grocery store. He then went into the First National Bank of Lyons for the purpose of learning the banking business, and by close application he made rapid progress and in 1873 was cashier of the Farmers and Citizens Savings Bank. He became well known in banking circles and by his careful attention to business and his integrity and pleasing manners he was popular with all the patrons of these institutions. Owing to ill health Mr. Gage found it necessary to retire, and his death occurred on February 4, 1891. The latter years of his life he devoted, very largely, to travel for health and pleasure. Politically he was a Democrat, and in fraternal matters he was a Mason and belonged to the Knights of Honor.

Mr. Gage was married on August 12, 1857, to Agnes Graham, daughter of Henry Ferguson and Agnes (Rosenbarger) Graham, a highly respected and well known family. Mrs. Gage was born on January 27, 1841, in Waterdown, Ontario, Canada. Her parents were old settlers of Jackson county, Iowa, where they spent the latter part of their lives and where they died. To Mr. and Mrs. Gage six children were born, three of whom are now living, namely: Carrie, wife of Virtus Lund, Jr.; Frank, of Lyons; and Mira, wife of O. D. Earon, of Chicago.

The Gage residence at No. 704 South Fifth street, Lyons, is a commodious and attractive one and is known to the many friends of the family as a place of old-time hospitality.

HENRY DIERKS.

A descendant of an old and prominent family of Clinton county and a man who has long been regarded as one of the leading agriculturists and stock men of Deep Creek township is Henry Dierks, a man who believes in doing everything well that is worth doing at all, consequently he has succeeded.

Mr. Dierks was born in Hampshire township, Clinton county, Iowa, July 26, 1859, was reared to farmer's pursuits and was educated in the district schools. He is a son of John and Catherine (Lass) Dierks, both born in Germany, where they were married and remained until five children were born. In 1848 they emigrated to America in a sailing vessel, and after a long voyage, finally landed at New York and came direct to Lyons, Iowa, where John met a brother, Peter Dierks. Soon afterward he rented a farm, in the cultiva-

tion of which he was successful. A few years later he bought a farm in Hampshire township and settled there, and later added and owned eight hundred acres, and engaged in general farming and raising stock, also feed for the market. His first purchase was mostly timber land. He bought raw land, which he cleared and improved. He was successful and was always proud of his adopted land. He was a Republican and filled some school offices, but did not aspire to political preferment. He never returned to his native country. He was social and charitable to the afflicted and was a good neighbor and friend, was well known and highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. He died in 1897; his wife died about 1887. Religiously, they were Lutherans. Their children were: Hans, a retired farmer at Ringwood, Clinton county, Iowa; Anna, Mrs. Christ Lueders; John, a farmer at Lyons, retired; Detliff was a farmer, retired, and died in July, 1909, leaving a wife and five children; Katie, Mrs. George Agger; Peter is a farmer on the old homestead; Henry, of this review.

The subject was born in this county and remained under the parental roof until he was married in 1881, and he remained on the home farm until 1890, when he bought the improved farm where he now resides, two hundred and sixty acres at fifty-eight and one-half dollars per acre. He has remodeled the farm and put it in convenient shape for cultivation, all under fence and in grass. He cultivates about one hundred acres. He carries on general farming and raises stock of all kinds of a good class, feeds and ships cattle to the Chicago market. He has remodeled and enlarged his home, which stands on a natural elevation surrounded by forest and fruit trees, cement walks and yard. He has erected a large barn and now has two or three barns and many outhouses for various purposes, and has a finely improved farm in a high state of cultivation. He has used his surplus money in his farm business. He is a stockholder in the Goose Lake Bank. He is independent in politics, having voted both tickets, he claiming the right to vote for the man of his choice. He has never aspired to office, but has filled some school offices. He is rearing and educating his children to be upright citizens.

Mr. Dierks married Lena Rix, who was born in Hampshire township in 1867, a daughter of George Rix, of Germany, who came to America about 1858, locating in Clinton county; he was a wagonmaker by trade, which he followed and worked at the Six Mile House, this county, where he has a comfortable home. He still does some work at his trade. He is a Republican and well posted in all public affairs, and has filled some township offices. He

has given most of his time and attention to his trade, and does not aspire to office or public notoriety, being a quiet, honest mechanic, well known and highly respected for his sterling integrity and honor. His wife yet survives, she being sixty-three and he seventy years of age. He served through the Civil war as a private and saw much hard service and underwent many deprivations and hardships, as was meted out to soldier life.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rix: Helena, wife of the subject; Emma married Gustaf Werner and she died in 1907; Ida, Bertha, Anna and Katie all died young; Theodore is a farmer; Dora, Mrs. John Harmsen; Henry is a coal dealer. To Mr. and Mrs. Dierks six children have been born, Emil, Alford, Lewis, Ernest, Mata and Gustave, all at home.

MYRON C. MUDGE.

Among the well known and highly respected citizens of Welton township, Clinton county, is Myron C. Mudge, a man who has lived a life consistent with high ideals and who has made a success of his chosen vocation because he has applied himself very carefully to whatever he has had in hand.

Mr. Mudge was born on July 24, 1848, in Poultney, Vermont. He is the son of Nathan and Elza (Prior) Mudge, the father a native of Plymouth, Vermont, born there on November 8, 1800, and the mother born on May 16, 1803. They were married in 1829, and became the parents of nine children, six of whom are living. The parents of Mr. Mudge came to Jones county, Iowa, in 1854, locating on a farm, and here the father's death occurred on November 11, 1863, and the death of his wife occurred at St. Joseph, Missouri, in about 1880. She had been making her home with her eldest daughter there and was buried at Burlington, Iowa. In politics Nathan Mudge was a Whig originally and later a Republican. He and his family were Free-Will Baptists and were known as people of the greatest probity of character.

Myron C. Mudge was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. He came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1864, and here he was married to Clemena C. Hull, a native of Milton, Wisconsin, and the daughter of Elder Varnum Hull, a minister in the Seventh-Day Baptist church. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Malinda Larkin, and she is still living, having attained the ripe old age of ninety-three years. She has been a remarkable woman, possessed of many splendid attributes of character. Mr. Hull's death

occurred at Rock River, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Mudge three children have been born, namely: Hattie Odessa, Leola Marcia, deceased, and May Evaline.

Mr. Mudge has been a farmer much of his life and he has been very successful as such a worker. He had eighty acres of land in Welton township, and in 1889 he moved to North Welton and engaged in the mercantile business, which he continued with ever-increasing success, building up a large and satisfactory patronage with the people of this vicinity as a result of his honest dealing and his desire to please his customers.

Politically, Mr. Mudge is a Republican and while he has never found time to mingle in political affairs to a large extent, he has shown that he is deeply interested in local matters, and he has been school director for a number of years. He and his family are members of the Seventh-Day Baptist church and very faithful in their allegiance to the same. They have a nice home here and the entire family is highly respected throughout this locality.

CALVIN H. GEORGE.

The inevitable law of destiny accords to tireless energy and industry a successful and honorable career, and in no field of endeavor is there greater opportunity for advancement than that of the law, a profession whose votaries, if distinguished, must be endowed with native talent, rectitude of character, singleness of purpose and broad general knowledge. Calvin H. George, of Clinton, Iowa, fully meets all these requirements of his chosen profession and stands today among the leading lawyers of his city and is justly esteemed as one of the foremost attorneys of eastern Iowa, and yet he is a plain, unassuming gentleman who does not court publicity, merely striving to do his duty well in all the relations of life.

Mr. George was born at Garden Plain, Whiteside county, Illinois, January 14, 1862. He is the son of Daniel F. and Mary Jane (Mitchell) George, the father a native of Conway, New Hampshire, and the mother of Ohio. The maternal grandfather, David Mitchell, was a pioneer of Whiteside county, Illinois, and was the foreman of the first grand jury ever held in Whiteside county, and was the first county treasurer of that county. Daniel F. George was also a pioneer farmer of Whiteside county, Illinois. He, soon after coming west, was pilot of a vessel which plied between Chicago and St. Joseph,

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Michigan. He was esteemed for his many kind and charitable acts and honorable character. In the early days he hauled his grain from Garden Plain to Chicago with an ox team and underwent the hardships incident to the life of a pioneer and was known for his great courage and fortitude.

Calvin H. George grew to maturity on the home farm. He attended the county schools during the winter months, then went to Drake University of Iowa, and later took a course at the Valparaiso (Indiana) University, from which institution he graduated. Thus well equipped for what the poets would call the battle of life, he began his career by teaching in the county schools, but, having an ambition to enter the legal profession, he left the school room and began the study of law, reading law while teaching school. His preceptors were I. R. Andrews and Hon. A. R. McCoy, of Clinton, Iowa. Mr. George having located in Clinton county when a young man, was admitted to the bar in 1888, by the supreme court of Iowa and the United States courts licensed him to practice in all courts. Since that time his record has been one of successes such as few attain. He opened an office in the Toll block, and he has been continuously in the practice here since, building up a large, constantly growing and lucrative practice and taking a high rank among his professional brethren of eastern Iowa, being a diligent student of all phases of jurisprudence and a vigorous, energetic and independent thinker and an investigator, accurate, painstaking and conscientious. He is uniformly courteous to the court and lenient with his opponents, and he is an earnest, logical and forceful, often eloquent, pleader at the bar, never failing to impress forcibly his hearers.

Recognizing his ability and his interest in the welfare of the city and county, he was called by the people to serve them one term as city attorney and three terms as county attorney, performing his duties in a manner that reflected credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of the citizens, irrespective of party. He is a member of the library board, and fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The domestic life of Mr. George began when he led to the hymeneal altar a lady of talent, culture and character, known in her maidenhood as Goldie R. Reno, of Marengo, Iowa, daughter of Col. B. F. Reno and a representative of a distinguished family of army officers. To this union eight children have born born, one dying in infancy, those now living being: Dorothy A., Helen M., Elizabeth M., Daniel V., David B., Margaret R. and Ruth A., all attending the public schools in Clinton.

HENRY C. VOSS.

A descendant of one of the early and prominent families of Clinton county is Henry C. Voss, a man who has won success in life because he has worked for it along legitimate lines, believing in employing twentieth century methods in all his undertakings.

Mr. Voss was born in Clinton county, October 1, 1864, and was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools. He is a son of Fritz and Cathrena Voss, both natives of the province of Holstein, Germany. They came to America at different times, when single, and married in New York. They came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862 and for two years he was employed at such labor as he could find to do, then rented land and engaged in farming. He came, as did most of the people from his country, very short of means, so hard work, which had no terrors for him, fell to him. After renting a farm for a number of years, successfully saving his earnings, he bought eighty acres of land which had poor improvements and a small amount of which was in cultivation. But he soon put it in better shape and kept working hard, early and late, and he later added to the land until he owned two hundred acres. He put it all under fence and about one hundred acres in cultivation; the remainder he left to grass. The entire farm was susceptible to cultivation. He did a general farming business and raised live stock, and fed for the market each year over two car loads, shipping them to Chicago market. He gave his attention to the farm and its products and was very successful. It took nerve and determination to accomplish what he did, but he was equal to the occasion. He underwent all the deprivations and hardships of an early settler, and by hard work, honest dealing and good financing he was rewarded with success and created a good estate. He was a strong Democrat, but never aspired to office. He was reared in the Lutheran church, from which faith he has never departed. He was well posted in all business matters and politics, a broad-minded and intelligent business man, a good financier and well known and highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. He died February 23, 1901, aged sixty-six years. His wife yet survives and finds a good home among her children, mostly with her son, the subject of this sketch. She is now seventy-two years old. She was reared in and has always affiliated with the Lutheran church. She has six children, viz: Augusta, Mrs. H. Dorman, who died and left three children; Henry C., of this review; Anton is running the Tenth Mile house, and is a popular man; Ella, Mrs. John Neave; Frances, Mrs. John Dick; Johanna, Mrs. F. Passic.

Henry C. Voss, of this review, remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-eight years old, when he married. He was young when his father moved to the homestead, and there he grew to manhood, helping his father on the farm. When twenty-eight years old he married, in the year 1893, then rented the homestead farm one year, after which he rented another farm and moved on to it. He remained a renter on that farm for five years, then again rented the homestead for three years. In 1902 he bought out the interests of the other heirs and has since successfully carried forward the work inaugurated by his father, general farming and raising and feeding of live stock for the market; he ships to the Chicago market. He has invested some of his surplus in the Goose Lake Bank stock, but gives most of his attention to the farm and its products. Politically he is a stanch Democrat in local politics, though he reserves the right to vote for the man of his choice. He was brought up in the Lutheran church, from which faith he has never departed. He has made considerable improvement on his farm, has erected another large barn and keeps all buildings in good repair and the farm in a high state of cultivation. The house is a large two-story frame, situated on a natural elevated site, beautiful with forest and fruit trees. He has added to the sanitary conditions, by a spacious lawn and cement sidewalks around the house and yard; he has also put in a large amount of tiling on the farm, to aid in the agricultural development of the same. He is a practical and successful farmer and stock handler, and among the well known and highly respected citizens of Deep Creek township.

Mr. Voss married Emma Andersen, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1870, daughter of Casper Andersen, an early settler and a prominent farmer from Germany, province of Holstein; his wife, Johanna Schlemmer, was also a native of Germany. The family were early settlers in Clinton county. The father came with limited means and rented and farmed a few years, then bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Hampshire township. It was a small and poorly improved farm, but he was energetic and made substantial improvements and was a good farmer and hard worker. He remained there during the rest of his life, and died on March 6, 1908. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a Democrat in politics. He followed general farming, raising live stock for the market, and by hard work and honest dealing created a competency for his old age. His wife survived him and makes her home with a daughter. Mr. Andersen had one son and four daughters by a previous marriage. His son Henry owns and runs a grist mill and handles lumber at Bryant. By his last marriage the following

children were born; Emma, wife of the subject; Laura, Mrs. George Bach; Alvina, Mrs. John Brett; Mattie, Mrs. H. Dierks; Adolph, who lives on the old homestead. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Voss has been blessed with the following children; Malinda, born November 20, 1893, is at home; George, born February 22, 1895; Augusta, born March 25, 1897; Lucinda, born September 30, 1900; Loretta, born June 17, 1902; Hannah, born March 3, 1904; Henry, born April 21, 1906, and Alma, born June 5, 1908.

CAPT. JOSEPH D. FEGAN.

Among the leading citizens of Clinton is numbered Capt. Joseph D. Fegan, who for many years was successfully engaged in the abstract and real estate business in this city. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1831, receiving a common school education. His father served in the war of 1812-14 in the Pennsylvania Volunteers and died in 1842, leaving a widow and family, the subject of this sketch being eleven years old. His mother soon thereafter died, leaving him to care for himself. In 1849 he emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, and followed the trade of a tailor, but at the commencement of the Rebellion he was engaged in the lumber and grain business at Wheatland, Iowa. In the meantime, however, he married Anne M. Potts, whose father had served in the Black Hawk war, and whose grandfather was an officer of the regular army in 1779.

As soon as Mr. Fegan could put his business in proper shape to leave, he entered the service as a private in Company I, Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, August 12, 1862. He was promoted sergeant and then sergeant-major, September 12, 1862, and mustered in September 30, 1862. He was appointed first lieutenant and regimental adjutant on the field at the battle of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, and promoted captain of Company B, January 15, 1864, to rank from June 12, 1863. The regiment served at Helena, Arkansas, under General Hovey, to December, 1862, and was then assigned to the Third Brigade, Fourth Division (Steele's) of Sherman's right wing of the Thirteenth Army Corps. In January, 1863, it was transferred to the Third Brigade, First Division, Fifteenth Corps, and in November, 1863, formed part of the First Brigade, First Division, Fifteenth Corps, where it remained until February, 1865.

Captain Fegan served with the regiment in various expeditions from Helena, and in General Sherman's Yazoo expedition, participating in the en-

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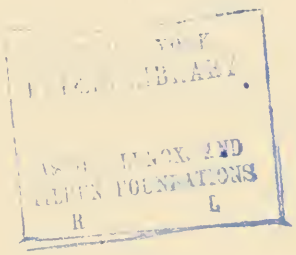


gagements at Chickasaw Bayou and Chickasaw Bluffs, from December 26-29, 1862. He then took part in the expedition to Arkansas Post, and was engaged in the assault and capture of Fort Hindman, January 10-11, 1863. After several other expeditions he returned with his regiment to Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, and in April, 1863, started on the campaign, with the Fifteenth Corps, which terminated in the capture of Vicksburg, Mississippi, having been engaged at Turkey Creek; Jackson, Mississippi; Champion Hills, Baker's Creek, crossing of the Big Black River, attack on Vicksburg, May 18, and in the assault, May 19-22, 1863. After the surrender, started with the advance against Johnston's army, participating in the siege of Jackson and Brandon, Mississippi.

In September the regiment was transferred to Memphis by boat, and marched to Chattanooga, participating in the engagements and battles around that place from November 23-27; Lookout Mountain, November 24; Missionary Ridge, November 25; and Ringgold, November 27, at which last-named place he was slightly wounded, but remained on duty. He participated in the Atlanta campaign from May until September, 1864, and was engaged at Snake Creek Gap, Resoca, Adairsville, Dallas, Pumpkin-vine Creek, Altoona, New Hope Church, Ackworth, Kenesaw Mountain, Big Shanty, Nickajack Creek, Chattahoochie River, Bald Hill, Atlanta, Ezra Chapel, Jonesborough, Lovejoy's Station, and pursuit of Hood's army into Alabama, being engaged at Kingston and Ship Gap. He participated in the "March to the Sea," and engaged in the siege of Savannah, Georgia. He performed the duties of acting assistant adjutant-general, First Brigade, First Division, Fifteenth Corps, from November 7, 1864, to January 21, 1865. He was commissioned as captain and assistant adjutant-general February 3, 1865, and participated in the march through the Carolinas, and all the actions consequent thereon, up to the surrender of Johnston's army. He also marched with Sherman's army to Washington City, and participated in the Grand Review.

Captain Fegan was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, and then to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was mustered out September 19, 1865. Captain Fegan counts as one of his valuable possessions his commission, signed by President Lincoln and Secretary of War E. M. Stanton, which promoted him from a line captain to a position on the staff as assistant adjutant-general of volunteers.

After the war Captain Fegan returned to Clinton and became county recorder, holding such office four years. He has always been prominent in social circles, being a member of N. B. Baker Post No. 88, Grand Army of

the Republic, of Clinton, the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Society of the Army of the Tennessee and for sixty years has been an honorary member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On coming to Iowa he had only a five-franc piece and the prosperity which he has enjoyed and the success of which his wife and three children are proud has been due entirely to his own unaided efforts.

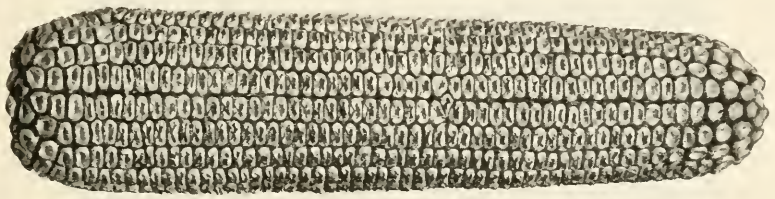
DESCARTES L. PASCAL.

The name of Descartes L. Pascal, successful agriculturist, stock raiser and seed corn specialist, of Orange township, Clinton county, Iowa, has been circulated broadcast, in a way, throughout the United States. His motto has always been to do well whatever was worth doing at all, and this has, no doubt, been largely responsible for his pronounced success along the lines to which he has turned his attention. He is deserving in every way of the esteem accorded him by all who know him, for he has ever sought to bear aloft the untarnished escutcheon of an honored family name.

Mr. Pascal was born August 18, 1870, four miles east of De Witt, Clinton county, and in the fall of that year he was brought to the farm on which he now lives and which has been his place of abode most of his life. When fifteen years of age he left school and spent two summers in western Iowa. He is the son of George W. Pascal and wife, an excellent old family of this township. He enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, having attended school at Grand Mound and De Witt, graduating from the high school at the latter place. After he became of age he went to western Iowa, where for a year he followed photography. Then he spent one term in Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, preparing to enter the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, where he expected to study mechanical engineering. In 1893 he was employed on the fair grounds of the Columbian Exposition (World's Fair) at Chicago, as a Columbian Guard. The following year he taught school and in the fall he started for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he expected to enter the university to take up mechanical engineering. On his way he stopped at the old home to see his parents for a few days. His father was taken ill and requested him to remain at home, which he did. The father's illness proved fatal, and so, for the time being, the subject gave up his plans for education in order to remain with his mother and sisters at the old home, expecting to, at some future time, complete his collegiate studies. But, like

many others, he sacrificed his ambition for education in order that the old home might still be home for his mother.

Mr. Pascal formerly operated four hundred and ten acres of land, to which he has recently added sixty-three acres. He has been engaged in general farming on his fine tract of land for the past sixteen years, and by hard work and persistent application, coupled with sound judgment and an analytical mind, he has achieved the success which is always the reward of the deserving. In 1902 Mr. Pascal became interested in corn breeding and has demonstrated to the world the great value of corn breeding. In making a specialty of seed corn culture, he chiefly raised "Reid's Yellow Dent," which is eagerly sought for owing to the high quality of his seed. He has shipped seed corn to over twenty-five states of the Union and even to the Transvaal agricultural department of South Africa. In 1903 he produced the best ear of corn in Iowa, which won the Cook trophy, valued at fifteen hundred dollars, awarded at Ames, Iowa, for the best ear of corn. In 1906 he raised an ear of corn which was exhibited at Ames, Iowa, in January, 1907, and which won the first prize, and which sold at public auction for one hundred and fifty dol-



lars, or at the rate of eight thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars a bushel. This is the more remarkable when it is remembered that the highest priced ear ever sold before only brought eleven dollars. This wonderful ear of corn was exhibited in December, 1907, at the national corn show at Chicago as champion of the world, being recognized as the finest ear ever exhibited. By request, it was also exhibited at the national corn show held at Omaha, Nebraska, in December, 1908. It has been exhibited throughout the United States. Mr. Pascal had formerly won numerous prizes at exhibitions and he has won a wide reputation in this way. He is also a successful breeder of shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Pascal is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, politically, he is a Republican. The extensive business in which he is engaged is under the firm name of D. L. Pascal & Sisters, the latter being Lucy A., who makes her home on the farm with her brother and mother, and Laura T., a teacher of German in the public schools of Lakewood, Ohio, both being ladies of education, business tact and culture.

GILBERT LAWRENCE TEMPLE.

One rarely finds two persons in every-day life who attribute their success in their different spheres to similar qualities. Hard work and plodding industry paved the way for one, good judgment and a keen sense of values for another, intuition and a well balanced mind for the third. An admixture of the qualities mentioned above, with others, emphasized by close application, was responsible for the success of Gilbert Lawrence Temple, the late well known and popular photographer of Clinton, Iowa, in his battle for the spoils of victory.

Mr. Temple was the scion of a sterling family of the old Buckeye state, and he himself was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on November 4, 1852. He was the son of Gilbert and Rebecca (Thatcher) Temple. The father, a successful farmer and school teacher, died in 1862. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. His widow survived him until 1874. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living.

Gilbert L. Temple, of this review, received an excellent education in the common schools and at Otterbein University, where he learned the art of photography, having always manifested a tendency toward the esthetics, so he made rapid progress in this line and won the admiration of his colleagues and instructors for high-grade work in his chosen vocation. He located at Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1869, where he remained about a year, then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and later to Clinton, Iowa, in 1873, where he remained, having built up a very satisfactory patronage and won a wide reputation for a grade of work second to none, his customers often coming from remote parts of the country. He always kept fully abreast of the times on all matters pertaining to his art.

Politically, Mr. Temple was a Republican, and in religious matters an Episcopalian. He was prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His death occurred on May 9, 1911.

Mr. Temple was married on September 9, 1872, to Eliza Smith, a native of Canada and the representative of a family of sterling worth. This union has been graced by the birth of two children, Ruth, the wife of Charles S. Knox, of Cedar Rapids, and Edith, wife of Daniel G. Swannell, of Champaign, Illinois.

WILLIAM C. KUEHN.

William C. Kuehn was born in Deep Creek township, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1870, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Cook) Kuehn. Christian

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was born in the city of Burg, on the island of Famen, which is a part of Denmark, and has since been annexed to the German empire. Elizabeth was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Christian came to America in 1852, when about nineteen years of age, located in Clinton county, and took up farming. He owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in De Witt township at the date of his death. He was the father of five children, three of whom are still living. He was a Lutheran, his wife a Methodist. In politics he was a Republican and held various township offices. He always took an active interest in local affairs and whatever was good for the community.

William C. Kuehn attended the common school and has followed farming since boyhood. He is a general farmer, and his place is in a very high state of cultivation, well improved, and its fertility kept up by raising stock. He entered into the marriage relation with Emma Osterberg, in 1895. Their union has been blessed by the birth of four children, Myrtle, Stella, Ira and Lester, all living, healthy and active in mind and body.

In politics Mr. Kuehn is a Republican, and in his fraternal relation, a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen, and in his life puts into practice their principles. He is a citizen of stanch and sturdy character and a farmer of ability and skill. He has illustrated the truth of the fact that to win success in farming, as in any other business, requires careful management. Nowhere else is there a better or more paying field for the application of systematic business methods, than in the management and conducting of a farm; the farmer who raises the largest crops is not always the most successful, nor does he always make the most money. A farmer must apply a great deal of study into the conditions of profits, just as a modern business man does, in order to make his land more profitable and bring the greatest return for the labor expended. It requires that he eradicate many small wastes, and he has got to reduce the expenses of cultivation and maintenance to a minimum. This can only be done by close attention and application, and of which the farm of Mr. Kuehn's is evidence of having received.

MICHAEL J. SPAIN.

Among the prominent farmers and early settlers of Clinton county, Iowa, mention must not be omitted of Michael J. Spain, a man of such

correct habits and methods that he would doubtless have succeeded in whatever locality he desired to cast his lot, coming as he did from a sturdy northern family who were not accustomed to be discouraged at difficulties or obstacles. He was born in Lower Canada, September 29, 1846, but he has spent the major part of his life in Iowa, having been brought here when five years of age. Here he grew to maturity and was educated in the common schools, having been reared on his father's farm, which he helped to clear and develop, attending the pioneer schools, which were taught three months each winter. He is the son of Cornelius and Margaret (Kenedy) Spain, both natives of county Tipperary, Ireland, where they grew to maturity and were married and where they began life on a farm. They left the Emerald Isle for America in 1815, landing in New York City, soon afterward going to Troy, that state, where they remained one year, then went to South Bend, Indiana, where they remained one year, then to Canada. There Mr. Spain bought land which he improved and continued to reside there over twenty years, having a good farm and a comfortable home. In 1851 he sold out and came to Chicago, Illinois, later went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Not liking Wisconsin, after visiting various parts of the same, he crossed the Father of Waters, reaching Dubuque, Iowa, in June, 1851, but a few days later went to Minnesota, where he sought a location, but not liking the country, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, in the fall of 1851 and bought five hundred acres, erected a log house and soon had some of his land in cultivation. In due course of time he had a large and well improved farm, being very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, hauling his products many miles to market and enduring many privations incidental to pioneer life. At that time there was not a physician in the county, but the settlers understood the use of herbs and "home remedies."

Politically the first vote of Cornelius Spain was cast for Mr. Buchanan in 1856. He was at first inclined to support the Whig party, but in 1856 joined the Democrats, to whom he remained faithful. He was a well informed man on current events, and while he used his influence for the party he never aspired to public life, though he filled some of the township offices. He was a worthy member of the Catholic church. He liked to be neighborly, although when he first came his "neighbors" were about twenty miles distant. He was always ready to help those in need in any way, and he was, indeed, a strong, useful man in his day, and was highly regarded by all who knew him. His death occurred on the old homestead

in October, 1867, at the advanced age of eighty-six years; his widow survived until 1884, dying when about the same age that her husband reached. They were a grand old couple. Cornelius Spain, it appears, was the pioneer of his neighborhood and was the first man to start the physical and moral development of the new Eldorado and helped lay the foundation for good government. Through his efforts the first missionary priest came to his neighborhood, Father McKenna having held mass at his house in 1852, after which annual mass was served, and later regular mass in the log school house. Thus, for many reasons, no man is more worthy of an honored place in the county's history than Cornelius Spain.

He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Michael, number one, died in early life, as did also Thomas and Rhoda; Catherine, Mrs. Conroy; Bridget died when young; Daniel, a farmer, died in 1875; John, a farmer, died in 1905; Cornelius, a farmer, died in 1884; William, a farmer, died in 1888; Michael, the subject, and Mary were twins, the latter dying in 1848 when young; Margaret and Derias also died young.

Michael Spain, of this review, was reared on the home farm and assisted with the work on the same when he became of proper age and early in life engaged in farming. When thirty-two years of age he married and settled at the old homestead, continuing to operate the place, carrying out the plans which his father inaugurated; he later bought the interest of his brother and he has since added to his place until he now has a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, all under a high state of cultivation, and he is carrying on general farming and stock raising in a manner that is bringing definite success. He often has as many as one hundred head of cattle in his pastures and feed lots, feeding and shipping about three car loads of cattle each year, also feeds large numbers of hogs. He has an excellent farm and a good group of buildings on the same. Although primarily a Democrat, he is inclined to be independent when it comes to voting. He was reared in the Catholic church and is still loyal to the same.

Mr. Spain was married on July 1, 1879, to Mary J. Britt, who was born in Lyons, Iowa, on September 20, 1859, and she has proven to be a most worthy helpmate. She is the daughter of Thomas Britt, a native of Ireland who emigrated to New York in 1852, and who came to Lyons, Iowa, about 1855. He engaged in farming and contracting on railroad construction work and became a useful and successful man. His death occurred here in 1881. He was a member of the Catholic church and a

Democrat. He filled a number of minor offices, including that of constable, while living at Lyons. His family consisted of three children: George died when young, as did also Martin; Mary J., wife of Mr. Spain of this review.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Spain: Cornelius is a farmer; Thomas D. is an invalid; Roger is a farmer; Margaret L., Mary G., and William P. are all at home; Catherine is teaching school; Frank is a student at Dubuque, Iowa; Orretta is a student at the parochial school at Petersville; Marcedes is also attending the same school.

JOHN B. AHRENS.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is a member of an old and respected family of Clinton county, the earlier members of which were among the earliest settlers to come to the county from the fatherland of Germany, which has furnished to the county so many of its best citizens. The Ahrens were men and women of honor and character, who filled their various stations in life by always doing their duty, and their lives were strong forces working for good. Such has been the family reputation, and as yet it has not been tarnished by the acts of any of its representatives, while the life of John B. Ahrens promises to add new sheen to its luster.

John B. Ahrens was born in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, the son of John D. and Catherine (Naeve) Ahrens, on January 26, 1874. John D. Ahrens was born in the province of Oldenberg, Germany, on August 29, 1836, the son of John A. and Trinke (Dudden) Ahrens. John A. Ahrens was a farmer in Germany and, when an old man, retired from active labor, came to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled. He died on July 23, 1854, and his wife died on March 19, 1860.

John D. Ahrens came to Joliet, Illinois, from Germany, in 1852, and the next year came to Clinton county, Iowa. In 1860 he located on a farm in Center township, finding its cultivation profitable and agreeable. He died on March 7, 1905. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a stanch adherent to the Lutheran faith of his fathers. He was much esteemed by his neighbors and his judgment highly regarded. In 1860 he was married to Catherina Naeve, a daughter of John and Catherina (Peters) Naeve, born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, who bore to him ten children, five of whom are living. She died on July 13, 1904.

John B. Ahrens grew up on the farm until he was ten years old when his parents retired and removed to Lyons in 1884 and where he attended the com-

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mon schools. Early attracted to the law as a profession, he pursued its study in the office of W. C. Grohe. In 1897 he graduated from the law department of Drake University, and later the same year he was admitted to the Clinton county bar. Since that time he has been engaged in practice, and though meeting the usual discouragements which beset young lawyers, has obtained a large amount of business, which is constantly increasing, as his abilities are becoming more widely recognized. In 1910 he was elected by the Republicans to the office of city solicitor. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Woodmen of the World, and takes an active interest in both.

On July 10, 1897, Mr. Ahrens was married to Madge Taylor, of Des Moines, who was born in that city on June 14, 1875. She has borne to him four children, Alice C. and John E., now in school, and Richard H. and Mary Jeanette. They are a very attractive and interesting family of young folks.

Mr. Ahrens is a man of pleasing address, a forceful speaker, and has shown himself in the conduct of his trials and his practice to possess the qualifications of a strong lawyer. Personally he has gained many friends, all of whom recognize his worth. He has been active in all recent enterprises which were concerned with the advancement of Clinton and takes much interest in all public questions.

CARL J. CHRISTIANSEN.

Among the most prominent farmers of Washington township, which is one of the most fertile and best farming districts in Clinton county, none is better known, or has been more successful, than Mr. Christiansen, who in his career has but repeated the incidents of his father's life, a man whose strength of character, high honor and good judgment won for him the respect of all who knew him.

Carl J. Christiansen was born on April 3, 1858, in Clinton county, Iowa, the son of Carston and Sicka (Peyson) Christiansen, who were natives of Schleswig, Germany, and came to this country in 1851. They landed at New Orleans, and came up the river by steamboat to Davenport, Iowa, where they remained for a short time, then came to Clinton county. The family were on the ocean sixteen weeks and of the five children, two died on the voyage and were buried at sea. Mr. Christiansen purchased an unimproved farm in section 10, Center township, improved it with buildings, and lived on it for several years, after which he sold it to Peter Hansen,

and purchased an improved farm in section 30 of the same township. Carston Christiansen spent his life in general farming, and by his excellent business ability accumulated much property. In 1896 he retired from the farm and moved to Clinton, where he died on April 14, 1899, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife died on June 9, 1900, and both are buried at Elvira cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran church and took an active part in the work of the church. Of their nine children, but two, Carl and his brother, Martin, are living. The deceased are Anna (Mrs. Schroeder), Hans P., Carston N., Hannah, Lena and the two buried at sea.

Carl J. Christiansen remained at home until he was eighteen, receiving a common school education. For the greater part of the next six years he traveled about a good deal over the country, finding employment on farms mostly. At the age of twenty-four, on March 7, 1882, he was married to Lucy Mannsen, the daughter of John and Mergrata Mannsen, who came from their native Germany to the United States in 1872, and reared a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen began their married life in this county, and in 1883 they moved to the farm where they now live, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres which he purchased from his father. To this he has added until now he is the owner of six hundred acres in Clinton county. The present year Mr. Christiansen purchased two hundred and sixty acres of fertile prairie land in Arkansas, and has begun the cultivation of rice. This investment promises to be very profitable. In 1901 he erected his present home, a handsome country residence of eleven rooms, modern in every way, at a cost of four thousand dollars; in 1905 a large barn was erected at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars, in addition to which he has other barns for feeding purposes. In fact, his location and his buildings are second to none in the township.

Mr. Christiansen has made a success of farming and stock raising and is a money maker. Enterprising and public spirited, he is ever ready to work for the common good. In politics he is a Democrat and has served as trustee of his township. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Not only has Mr. Christiansen been successful in a material way, but he has obtained the friendship and the respect of his neighbors and has found much pleasure in the society of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen are the parents of ten interesting children, all living, and most of them at home, and in school. Their names are:

Carston N., born on December 4, 1882; Anna M., born on May 23, 1884; John M., born on March 13, 1886; George W., April 27, 1888; Walter C., September 6, 1890; Lillian S., November 6, 1893; Carl H., February 10, 1895; Ernest J., April 22, 1897; Elma M., June 22, 1899; and Jeanette A., June 19, 1904.

TRUELOVE M. CORSON.

A well known and highly respected citizen of Clinton, Iowa, is Truelove M. Corson, a successful and popular contractor, who has by hard work along legitimate and well selected lines, advanced from a modest beginning to a position of influence in the business life of Clinton county, and is therefore deserving of a great deal of credit on the part of his fellow men, which they freely accord, for there has been nothing in his conduct to detract from the good name this family has always borne.

Mr. Corson was born in Jasper county, Iowa, August 5, 1859, and he is the son of Benjamin T. and Mary E. (Sparks) Corson, the former born in Clark county, Ohio, July 31, 1832, and the latter was born in Iowa, December 18, 1842; they were married on July 15, 1858. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Corson was Eli E. Corson, who was born in Ohio; he was a farmer by occupation. Benjamin H. Corson came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, in an early day and he entered government land there. Later he moved to Missouri and farmed there several years, and finally, in 1870, he moved to Crawford county, Iowa, where he purchased a good farm, which he still owns. He was always a hard working man and managed well, so that he has laid by a competency for his declining years and is now living retired at the town of Botana, Shelby county, this state. He is a man of fine personal characteristics, and he and his family are all members of the United Brethren church. The maternal grandparents were Truelove and Sarah Sparks, who were among the very earliest settlers in Iowa, having originally come from Kentucky, descendants of the noted frontiersman, Daniel Boone. To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Corson the following children were born, Truelove M. being the oldest: Eli E., Jerry J., Ulysses S. Grant, Charles P. and Alberta A. (named in order of birth).

Truelove M. Corson was educated in the common schools of Iowa and Missouri, his parents moving to the latter state when he was nine years old. He grew to maturity on a farm and worked in the fields when a boy. After

remaining in that state six years, he returned to Crawford county, Iowa. He began life for himself as a farmer, buying, in 1880, eighty acres of land in Shelby county, Iowa, and this he still owns. When a young man he also learned the carpenter's trade and while managing his farm he did a great deal of building; in fact, he did more contracting than any other man in the town of Botana, Iowa, for several years. In 1901 he moved to Clinton, Iowa, and worked for several large contractors at first, among them being John Lake. In 1907 he started in for himself as a contractor and has been doing a large and satisfactory business. He purchased a house at No. 605 Fourth avenue and has remodeled it into a comfortable and modern, well equipped and attractive dwelling. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the builder's art and deserves to rank high as an architect.

Mr. Corson married, on May 13, 1880, Cornelia B. Langham, who was born May 18, 1858, in Clinton county, the daughter of George and Mary Langham, natives of England. To Mr. and Mrs. Corson two children have been born, Herbert Henry, born March 3, 1887, and George E., born June 9, 1891.

Mr. Corson is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, also belongs to the auxiliary, the Royal Neighbors.

HANS FREDERICK CHRISTIAN BEHR.

There are a conspicuously large number of German-born citizens or citizens of German descent in Clinton, and there are no more worthy or public spirited inhabitants of the city than are they. Mr. Behr was born in Germany, came as a young man to this country, and here found the opportunities for which he was seeking, and has lived a successful life. His many amiable and affable qualities have made for him many friends among those who know him, all of whom consider him as one of the best of companions.

Hans Frederick Christian Behr was born in Schleswig, Germany, on September 23, 1864, the son of Christian and Margaret Behr. Christian Behr was also a native of Schleswig, and came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1882, where he died in 1888, after making himself a welcome inhabitant of this his adopted country. His wife had died in Germany.

Hans F. C. Behr received his education from the German schools, and was a young man of nineteen when he came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1883. Upon reaching the city he engaged in the furniture business, and continued in it

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for many years. In 1907 he and F. V. Hall formed a partnership in the undertaking business, which continued for only a year, when Mr. Hall sold his interest to H. E. Bragonier. The firm is still known as the F. V. Hall Company and has been a prosperous one. Mr. Behr is very competent in the lines of his profession, having graduated with Hohenschuh and Carpener of Des Moines, Iowa. The company possesses the best of trade fixtures and appliances, and is fully equipped for his business.

Mr. Behr is unmarried. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled many important offices in that body. In religion he has adhered to the Lutheran faith of his parents. In politics he is independent, voting for the men whom he thinks are best fitted for the offices for which they are striving, regardless of their political affiliation. He is a gentleman of pleasant manner, and very agreeable to meet and converse with, while he is also a man of strong judgment in business matters. Such citizens as Mr. Behr are the best example of the value of immigration to this country.

JOHN W. DUNLAP.

Among those men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have borne their full share in the upbuilding and development of Clinton county, mention must not be omitted of John W. Dunlap, well known agriculturist and stock man of Brookfield township, where he has long maintained his home and where he has exerted a strong influence for good to the entire community. He is the scion of a fine old Virginia family, and many of the qualities of the genteel Southern gentleman are paramount in his nature, which renders him popular with all classes of people.

John W. Dunlap was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on February 11, 1856, and he is the son of Col. J. W. Dunlap, a highly honored and influential citizen of the Old Dominion, who was born in the same county on June 1, 1814, and who married Agnes Phillips, also born in Rockingham county, that state, her birth occurring on October 30, 1816. These parents were married on February 23, 1832. The paternal grandfather, William Dunlap, was a type of the sterling Scotchman, having been born in the lands of "blue bell and heather," from which he emigrated to the United States in an early day and located in Virginia, where he maintained a plantation. His only child was the father of the subject, and he became a prosperous and

successful farmer in Virginia. He was a man of patriotic impulses and military in spirit and prior to the breaking out of the war between the states he had begun drilling a regiment. However, he moved west before the war, but during the conflict commanded a regiment with much ability and courage. Politically, he was a Democrat and held various local offices. It was on January 3, 1859, that he reached Brookfield township, Clinton county. Here he rented land, living with his brother-in-law, J. E. Philipps, for four years, then bought eighty acres which he farmed until his death, November 5, 1869. He was a man of many splendid and commendable qualities of head and heart and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His wife survived him many years, dying on January 28, 1896. They were members of the Presbyterian church, and their family consisted of the following children, named in order of birth: William P., of Maquoketa, Iowa; Mrs. Mary E. Anderson; Mrs. Eusabia Twist, deceased; James H., deceased; A. N., of Maquoketa; John W., of this review; Robert E., deceased.

John W. Dunlap, of this review, was only three years of age when he accompanied his parents from Virginia to Iowa, the trip requiring fifty-one days, in a wagon and buggy, overland. Although too young to realize what it all meant, it was an interesting experience, crossing the narrow defiles of the Blueridge mountains, traveling rough roads through almost interminable forests and fording unbridged streams and camping along the route in typical pioneer fashion.

John W. Dunlap grew to maturity in Clinton county and attended the common schools. He assisted with the work on the home farm in Brookfield township, which he eventually purchased and to which he has since added eighty acres, making a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he has kept well improved and well tilled. He has erected comfortable and substantial buildings. He is interested in breeding thoroughbred cattle and has been in the business twenty-seven years. He raises polled Durham cattle, which always find a very ready market owing to their superior quality. He is a general farmer.

Mr. Dunlap is an ardent Democrat and has long been active in fostering the principles of his party. He is regarded as a leader in local matters and his candidacy for representative from this district in 1910 was looked upon with much favor by all classes from the first, he being elected in November following.

Mr. Dunlap is a member of the Methodist church at Elwood and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On November 20, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dunlap with Hattie Kennedy, who was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, April 4, 1860, the daughter of Robert and Catherine Kennedy, a most excellent family. Mr. Kennedy came here from Pennsylvania in the early forties, among the pioneers. He is of Scotch descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have no children of their own, but they have taken Hugh E. Clark, an orphan boy, and reared him; he was born in London. He has had the very best of care and instruction in the Dunlap home.

Mr. Dunlap is a man whom to know is to admire and respect. He is temperate in every sense of the word, a stanch friend, honorable in all the relations of life and his word is the same as a bond.

JAMES OWEN BABCOCK.

The value of lives may be measured by many standards. There is nowadays far too great a tendency to measure the worth of a man by the amount of money which he has accumulated, and to lose sight of things which not only make a life more advantageous to the community, but make it more truly profitable to the one who lives it. While Mr. Babcock lives comfortably and need not complain that he has been neglected in the things of this world, his life measures high in character, while many a man who has infinitely more of wealth falls far below him in this respect.

James Owen Babcock was born in Clark county, Ohio, on October 30, 1838, the son of John and Elizabeth (Hardman) Babcock, who, with other Seventh-Day Baptists, came to Clinton county in 1854 and located in Bloomfield township. John Babcock owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bloomfield township and an equal amount in Welton township. He improved the Bloomfield township farm and lived on it until his death. Of his family of nine children, four are living. In politics he was a Republican. The Babcocks have been prominently identified with the religious life of the Seventh-Day Baptist community at North Welton, a little band of Christians of a somewhat peculiar belief, who observe the seventh day as the sabbath and who in their daily life so exemplify their doctrines that they are among the most peaceful and useful citizens of the community, commanding the respect of their neighbors of whatever creed.

James O. Babcock received his education in the district schools. He began early to farm in Welton township, and carried on general farming on a

one hundred and twenty acre farm there until 1885, when he removed to North Welton, the center of the Seventh-Day Baptist community. In politics he, like his father, was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. Though never an aspirant for office, he at one time served his township as trustee. He is one of the most faithful of the members of the Seventh-Day Baptist church, in which he is a deacon, and his wife and family are members of the same church.

James O. Babcock was married in 1860 to Almarine Van Horn, who has borne to him two children, Otis W. and Bertha P. Modest and unassuming, of unspotted character, Mr. Babcock possesses the respect of all who know him.

DAVID S. FAIRCHILD, M. D.

In the present sketch is mentioned one who has had an exceedingly varied and useful professional career and one which redounds to his own credit and to the advancement of mankind. In his work he has been ever active, and in the position of exceptional opportunity which he held so long as an instructor in the medical profession, he has merited much praise for the efficient and thorough instruction which he has given and for the high professional ideals which he has set before his students.

David S. Fairchild was born in Fairfield, Vermont, on 16th of September, 1847, the son of Eli and Grace Fairchild. Eli Fairchild was the son of David, the son of John, the son of Abraham Fairchild, who came to Redding, Connecticut, from Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1746. John was a soldier in the Revolution and family tradition says that five of his brothers were in that same great struggle. Such a record is possessed by few families.

David was educated in the academies of Franklin and Barre, Vermont, studied medicine with Dr. J. O. Cromton, of Fairfield, attended medical lectures at the University of Michigan from 1866 to 1868, and graduated at Albany, New York, in December, 1868. He then located in High Forest, Minnesota, where he stayed three years. In 1872 he located in Ames, Iowa, and there in 1877 was appointed physician to Iowa Agricultural College. In 1879 he was elected professor of comparative anatomy and physiology, which position he held until 1893, when he resigned to become state surgeon for the Northwestern railway. In 1897 he was appointed special examining surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. Back in 1882 he had been elected to the chair of histology and pathology in the Iowa College of Physi-

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cians and Surgeons at Des Moines. In 1886 he was given the chair of theory and practice, and later, in 1903, was elected dean. For two years previous to the incorporation of the institution as a part of Drake University, he was its president. He has given much attention to nervous and hereditary diseases. In 1874 he assisted in organizing the Central District Medical Society, and in 1886 was elected president. In 1895 he was elected president of the Iowa State Medical Society, and was also in 1898 president of the Western Surgical and Gynecological Association. He assisted in organizing the Iowa Academy of Sciences, and was chairman of the committee appointed by the State Medical Society to prepare a history of medicine in Iowa. In 1893 he came to Clinton, where he has since had an extensive practice.

Doctor Fairchild was married on May 1, 1870, to Wilhelmina C., daughter of W. R. Tattersall. He is the father of one son, D. S. Fairchild, Jr., who practices medicine with him. Doctor Fairchild is an exceedingly busy man, and one who fully appreciates the responsibilities as well as the opportunities of his profession. Personally he is a man of very high character.

JOHN WIRTH.

Among the old and substantial residents of Brookfield township, Clinton county, Iowa, is John Wirth, a native of Germany, who was born on February 29, 1836. His parents, Martin and Therese (Bohner) Wirth, spent their lives in the fatherland, and of their nine children only two are living, one in the old country and one, the subject of this sketch, in the United States. John Wirth was reared on a farm, but at the age of fifteen years began learning the blacksmith trade, at which his son became a very proficient worker and which he followed at different places in his native country for a number of years. In 1855 he came to the United States and during the ensuing three years worked at his trade in Chicago, removing at the expiration of that time to Minnesota, where he conducted a shop for one year. He then came to Clinton county, Iowa, in June, and after spending three years at St. Louis, went to Grand Mound, where he devoted about one year to farm labor, after which he started a shop at DeWitt, where he followed his chosen calling until 1865. In the meantime, 1863, he bought a farm of eighty acres and at the expiration of the period indicated moved to the same and from 1865 until 1881 devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in this locality. In the latter year he purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land in Brookfield

township, to which he moved about the same time and which he improved with good buildings and on a part of which he still resides.

From 1881 until practically retiring from active life a few years ago, Mr. Wirth was one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Brookfield township, also among the largest land owners, his real estate in Clinton and Jackson counties at one time amounting to over two thousand acres. After accumulating a handsome competency by his farm interests and investments, he divided his land among his children, retaining thirty acres for himself on which he is now living in comfortable and honorable retirement. Mr. Wirth has been very fortunate financially, and is today one of the well-to-do men and substantial citizens of the township in which he has long resided. In politics he is a prominent and influential Democrat, and as such has been elected from time to time to various local offices, having served his township as trustee, school director and in other capacities. Mr. Wirth was married April 27, 1863, to Mary Bolte, a native of Germany, who has borne him eight children, namely: Matilda, Minnie, Felix E. (died on April 24, 1911, at the age of forty-two years), Alexander, Frank, Arthur, Edith and Josephine, the majority of whom are married, well settled in life and highly esteemed in their respective places of residence. Mr. Wirth is widely known throughout Clinton county and to a marked degree commands the respect and confidence of his neighbors and fellow citizens. He is a self made man in the most liberal meaning of the term, as he came to the county with little means, and the ample fortune which in due time he accumulated is the result of his own labors and judicious management. He is a splendid example of the intelligent and progressive German-American citizenship to which the great West is so largely indebted for its material growth and prosperity and his life may be studied with profit by the young man whose career is yet to be achieved.

Alexander J. Wirth, second son of John and Mary Wirth, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 3d day of March, 1871. He was reared to habits of industry under the excellent training of his father, received a fair education in the public schools of his township, and grew up familiar with the active duties of farm life. At the proper age he took his place in the fields during his minority, bore his proportionate share in the cultivation of the family homestead, proving industrious and helpful, and while still a mere youth he was able to do a man's part at almost any kind of manual labor. Having chosen agriculture as his life work, he bent all his energies toward becoming proficient in the same, and on leaving home bought two hundred acres of land a short distance west of Elwood, which he has greatly improved

and which, under his effective industry, is now one of the finest farms and among the most beautiful and desirable rural homes in the township of Brookfield. Mr. Wirth devotes his attention to general farming and stock raising and his career as an agriculturist presents a series of continued successes such as few attain. Industrious, energetic and possessing sound practical intelligence and mature judgment, he takes broad views of his calling and conducts his farm along modern lines with the result that he never fails to realize bountiful returns from his labors. He is a public spirited man, keenly alive to the best interests of his township and county, and ready at all times to lend his influence to all worthy measures for the general welfare. He is pronounced in his allegiance to the Democratic party, keeps well informed on the leading questions of the day and enters heartily into what makes for the best interests of his fellow men. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Lost Nation, the canton and encampment at Maquoketa and the Rebekah degree at Elwood, being an active and influential worker in the several branches of these orders.

Mr. Wirth, in the month of November, 1894, was united in marriage with Clara Herkelman, whose father, Carl Herkelman, is noticed elsewhere in this chapter, the union resulting in the birth of four children, Raymond, Lester, Lela and Verda. In every relation of life Mr. Wirth is recognized as possessing a strong sense of truth and justice and he discharges the duties of citizenship with the energy and fidelity characteristic of the broad-minded American who loses sight of self in his desire to uphold the honor of his state and nation. Of inflexible integrity and irreproachable character and actuated by a sincere desire to make the world better, he stands today among the most estimable and popular citizens of the township in which he resides.

FRED MUELLER.

Mention of the leading citizens of Calamus and Olive township brings up among the first names that of the man whose name appears above, one of the county's most progressive citizens, a farmer of ability and success, and a careful and sagacious business man. The efforts of his life have been prospered and have been well rewarded. But as nothing can be obtained without expenditure, let us not think that Mr. Mueller reached his present position by accident, but that he obtained it as the result of his carefully guided labors, and in this way his career is an inspiration.

Fred Mueller was born in Germany, September 22, 1852, the son of Frederick and Dora (Cook) Mueller. His parents were native Germans, and came to Hampton, Illinois, in 1854, and in 1865 removed to Clinton county. Here Mr. Mueller bought a farm of two hundred acres, but sold this and moved to Martin county, Minnesota, and there bought three hundred and twenty acres, to which he added two hundred and forty more, owning at death five hundred and sixty acres. He was a hard working man in early life, had much influence in his neighborhood, and was a man of strong Christian character. He was in politics a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, and he was one of the founders of the Buena Vista church. They were the parents of three children, all now living. His wife died in Illinois in 1862, and he married later Minnie Schmaechel, who bore him nine children, five of whom are living.

Fred Mueller was reared on the farm, and attended the public schools in Illinois and also in Clinton county. He has always liked the life on the farm, early took up farming for himself, and now owns three hundred and sixty acres just north of Calamus. In 1906 he bought the elevator at Calamus, and operates it in connection with his son, John F., who is a partner in the enterprise under the name of Mueller & Son. They do an extensive and paying business. On the farm he carries on general farming and stock raising. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been township trustee for seven years in succession, and school director for twelve years. He and his family are Lutherans.

Mr. Mueller was married on November 23, 1876, to Minnie Wendell, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, the daughter of Henry Wendell, an early settler of Clinton county, mentioned in this work. To this union have been born eleven children: John, Fred (deceased), Henry, Willie, Amanda, Reinholdt, Alfred, Dora, Eddie, Ellen (deceased) and Walter.

Mr. Mueller is a careful and successful farmer, a business man of keenness and sagacity, and in his official position well merited the trust reposed in him by the people. He is a friend of education, and takes great pleasure in his home and family.

GEORGE W. SACKRIDER.

This old and highly esteemed citizen, who for many years has been identified with the varied interests of Clinton county, and who during the trying period of rebellion upheld the honor of the National Union on the bloody

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field of conflict, is a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and one of six children, whose parents, Isaac and Nancy (Hults) Sackrider, were born in the state of New York. They were married about 1832, and shortly thereafter moved to Delaware county, Ohio, where the wife died late in the forties or early in the fifties. In about 1851 Mr. Sackrider brought his family to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Brookfield township. His first purchase consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, which he afterwards increased to two hundred, the greater part of which he cleared and improved and on which he lived a quiet contented life until called to his final reward, in the year 1878. Of his five sons and one daughter, three are living, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the family.

George W. Sackrider was born August 14, 1839, and spent the first ten years of his life in his native county. In 1851 he accompanied his father to Clinton county, Iowa, and grew to manhood on the home farm in Brookfield township, attending at intervals, the meanwhile, the rural school of the neighborhood. He remained at home assisting with the work of the farm until 1862, when he exchanged the implements of husbandry for the death dealing instruments of warfare, joining, in July of that year, Company I, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the Rebellion in 1865. Mr. Sackrider took part in some of the most notable campaigns of the war, first in Mississippi, where he participated in the battle of Champion Hill, the various engagements around Pleasant Hill, and from May 22, 1863, until the fourth day of the following July, was engaged in the siege of Vicksburg. He shared with his comrades many of the vicissitudes of warfare and was in a great deal of hard fighting, but twelve of his company escaping death and injury in the bloody battle of Champion Hill. He also experienced much active service in Virginia under General Sheridan, having been in the battle of Cedar creek and many other engagements, and was with that distinguished leader when he turned defeat into victory after the celebrated ride of twenty miles which has helped to make his name famous. At the close of the war, he was discharged with a record for bravery and gallantry of which any soldier might well feel proud, and, returning to Clinton county, resumed the pursuit of agriculture on sixty acres of land in Brookfield township, given him by his father.

From this modest beginning, Mr. Sackrider's progress as a farmer has been continuous, and he now owns a fine estate of three hundred and twenty acres, on which are some of the best improvements in the community, including an imposing modern dwelling, which in point of architectural beauty and

all that constitutes a comfortable rural home is perhaps the finest edifice of the kind in Brookfield township and excelled by few, if any, in the county. The premises have been beautified by quite a number of shade trees, which Mr. Sackrider has set out from time to time; these, with the beautiful lawn, interspersed with flowers and ornamental shrubbery, add to the attractiveness of a home in which little is lacking to render it a model of its kind.

Mr. Sackrider is easily one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his township and stands in the first rank among the representative citizens. Enterprising and progressive, he manifests commendable zeal in the development and growth of the country, wields a strong influence for the Democratic party, and his counsel and judgment have had no little weight in shaping the policies of the same in his own and other counties in the eastern part of the state. He has been secretary of the school board for a number of years; has also served as trustee of his township, and his interest in public matters has given him considerable prestige as a leader of thought and, in no small degree, a moulder of opinion among his fellow citizens. In addition to his farming and live stock interests, he is identified with various public utilities, including the Home Telephone Company, the Havery Coal Company of Montana, the Delmar Bank, and the Peoples Savings Bank of Delmar, being a large stockholder in these financial institutions, also a member of their boards of directors. For some years he has been quite active in secret fraternal work, especially in Odd Fellowship and the Pythian order, in both of which organizations he has been honored with important official trusts.

Mr Sackrider was happily married on September 19, 1866, to Jennie Rarick, of Steuben county, New York, and a daughter of William and Martha (Compton) Rarick, who came to this state about the year 1858. Mr. Rarick was by occupation a carpenter and builder, but after moving west he turned his attention to agriculture. Mrs. Sackrider was reared and educated in her native state, and is a lady of fine mind, strong individuality, and quite popular in the social circles of the community. She has borne her husband two children, the older being a son who answers to the name of Clarence. He married Helen Leach, of Maquoketa, and is the father of two offspring, Ruth and Wilfred. Carrie was the second in order of birth, and is the wife of Doctor Wilson, a popular dentist of Delmar, and has two daughters, Vera and Gladys. Mrs. Sackrider is interested with her husband in secret and benevolent work, being a member of the Rebekah lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Pythian Sisters, the Eastern Stars, and is also a chevalier, the highest order a lady can attain.

ISAAC NEWTON LOOFBORO.

Among the well remembered and highly revered citizens of Clinton county who have now taken up their abode in "the low, green tent whose curtain never outward swings," none is deserving of higher encomium than the late Isaac Newton Loofboro, for his life was exemplary in every respect and his example was that of a high-minded and public-spirited man of affairs whose career is worthy of imitation by the youth hesitating at the parting of the ways.

Mr. Loofboro was born in Ohio, on July 12, 1832, the son of Davis and Mary (Maxon) Loofboro, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Warren county, Ohio. They were early settlers of Ohio, and after remaining in the Buckeye state for some time moved to Illinois, thence to Clinton county, Iowa, in the early fifties and here they spent the remainder of their days, the father being deceased.

Isaac N. Loofboro was educated in the schools of Ohio and Farmington, Illinois. After coming to Clinton county, Iowa, he engaged in farming, first owning eighty acres of land, which he sold and bought one hundred and sixty acres, now owned by the family. He made quite a success as a general farmer and was living retired at the time of his death, on September 14, 1907. His widow is now living at North Welton. In politics he was a Republican, but a Prohibitionist at the time of his death.

Mr. Loofboro was one of the gallant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, having enlisted in Company A, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served very faithfully for three years, working in the hospitals most of the time, but rendering very efficient service wherever he was placed. He and his family were members of the Seventh-Day Baptists, and he was very faithful in his support of the same.

Mr. Loofboro was married in Clinton county to Anna Davis, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, August 27, 1838, the daughter of William and Mary (Sterns) Davis. The father came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1861. His wife died in Indiana and his death occurred in Kansas. They were people of sterling worth. To Mr. and Mrs. Loofboro five children were born, namely: Horace Roscoe, born in Clinton county, July 30, 1865, he was educated in the public schools and at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin. He turned his attention to farming and he and his brother, Lewis Lester, manage the old homestead, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a very successful manner. Horace R. was married on June 5, 1901, to Hattie

Mudge, a native of Clinton county, and the daughter of Myron C. Mudge, mentioned in full in another part of this work. To this union two sons have been born, Paul and Elston. Lewis Lester Loofboro was born on May 24, 1872, and he was educated in the public schools and at Milton College. He, too, has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, as above mentioned. Both he and his brother are Prohibitionists and members of the Seventh-Day Baptist church. The following three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Loofboro are deceased: Viola Alecia, Yulee and Luella. The Loofboro family has always been regarded as among the best people in this section of the county, being honorable in all the relations of life and industrious.

JAMES EZRA DOLAN.

A man of distinct and forceful individuality, of undaunted enterprise, and in manner genial, courteous and easily approached, is James Ezra Dolan, the faithful and capable agent of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Clinton, Iowa. He deserves a great deal of success for what he has accomplished in various phases of railroad life, for it has been done solely by his own unaided efforts, often in the face of obstacles.

Mr. Dolan was born in Lyons, August 28, 1865, and he has always lived in this part of the great commonwealth of Iowa, growing to maturity in Clinton county. He is the son of John B. and Phoebe F. (Crosby) Dolan, the father a native of Philadelphia and the mother of Plainfield, New Hampshire. Each came to Clinton county, Iowa, single, having accompanied their parents in the fifties, and located at Lyons, where they were married. The maternal grandfather, John Crosby, came to Clinton county in 1850. The father is of Irish descent. He was one of the pioneer hardware men of the county and for many years enjoyed an excellent trade here. He was in no sense of the word a public man, although interested in the general development of the county; he preferred to spend his time on his business and with his family, of which there were three sons and one daughter, all now deceased with the exception of James Ezra of this review. The father died in 1875; his widow survived until 1908, reaching an advanced age.

One brother of John B. Dolan is living, Thomas Dolan, who is president of the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a twenty-five-million-dollar corporation.

James Ezra Dolan was educated in the public schools of Clinton, also attended business college and thus became well equipped for his life work.

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He entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company under J. S. Stratton, who was local agent at that time. He remained in this position one year, then went to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road as night operator at Denrock Junction, Illinois. Later he spent three years in the train dispatcher's office, then spent one year in the Clinton office, and on October 27, 1902, he was appointed agent, having been here since 1895, a position he still holds, having charge of both the freight and passenger work, his office being at No. 221 Main street, Lyons. He has proven to be a very faithful employe and is giving the company entire satisfaction in this capacity. Mr. Dolan is also interested in the Tri-City Telephone Company.

Politically, Mr. Dolan is a Republican and in religious matters an Episcopalian. He belongs to the Demolay Consistory of Masons. He has been secretary of the Athenaeum Club for the past fifteen years. This is the society club of the north end of Clinton. He has never married.

CARL B. BERST.

Energy, sound judgment and persistency of effort, properly applied, will always win the goal sought in the sphere of human endeavor, no matter what the environment may be or what obstacles are met with, for they who are endowed with such characteristics make of their adversities stepping-stones to higher things. These reflections are suggested by a study of the career of Carl B. Berst, the popular and efficient cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Welton, Clinton county, who has forged his way to the front ranks and stands today among the representative young men of his locality.

Mr. Berst was born in the state of Ohio, November 26, 1876, and he was educated in Germany and in a business college at Springfield, Missouri. He applied himself very assiduously to his text-books, and being a keen observer, has become highly educated.

Starting in business early in life, he has been very successful in all lines which have claimed his attention. For several years he made a success of the creamery business in Illinois. In 1891 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and located in Welton township where he continued in the creamery business for a period of seven years. Understanding the minute workings of this line of endeavor he made a great success of the same here and be-

came well known. He is now the owner of one-half of the local creamery, which is one of the best equipped and most popular in the county.

When the Farmers and Merchants Bank was organized at Welton, this county, on December 21, 1908, Mr. Berst became cashier, which responsible and important position he has continued to hold to the present time, discharging the duties of the same in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability and to the entire satisfaction of stockholders and patrons, and the success and prestige of this sound and well known institution is due in no small measure to his judicious management and wise counsel. Politically, Mr. Berst is a Republican and is progressive in his ideas.

On October 18, 1904, Mr. Berst was married to Mabel Buck, a lady of refinement and the representative of an excellent family, being the daughter of Francis and Mary (Jepsen) Buck, of Welton township, this county, where they have long been influential. One son has graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Berst, Walter Benjamin, born on August 21, 1905.

Mr. Berst is one of the well-to-do men of Welton, and is regarded by all who know him as a man of sound business principles and modern methods. His course has been such that he has won the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come into contact, and personally he is a pleasant man to know, energetic, genial, unassuming, honest and always ready to do his full duty in the work of progressive citizenship, and it is to such able and untiring workers as he that this locality has forged ahead until it ranks second to none in the great Hawkeye commonwealth.

HENRY SCHOENING.

A descendant of an influential old pioneer family, members of which have figured conspicuously in the affairs of Clinton county from the days of the early settler to the present time, is Henry Schoening, one of the thrifty citizens of the vicinity of Bryant, who, as his name would indicate, is of German ancestry, from whom he seems to have inherited many traits that have helped him to win in the battle of life.

Mr. Schoening was born in Clinton county, Center township, Iowa, on December 8, 1866. He was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools. He is the son of Frederick and Louisa (Lammerts) Schoening, both born in the province of Holstein, Germany, where they were married. Soon after he left his wife there and came to America alone,

locating in Clinton county, Iowa. His passage was paid, but he had nothing left when he arrived here. He stopped at Lyons and took up employment at such labor as he could find to do. Wages were not high at that time, but he continued two years and saved his earnings until he had sufficient money ahead to send for his wife and child to come to him. After their arrival here he continued to work and as soon as he was able to buy a team he rented land and engaged in farming, continued renting for several years and then bought forty acres of timberland, which he lost no time in clearing and putting in cultivation. He prospered as he added to his lands and finally owned eleven hundred and twenty acres, divided into several farms, renting some and carrying on general farming on others. He raised, bought and fed numbers of cattle and gave all his attention to his lands and farming interests. When a young man he was stout and hearty and a hard worker, always conservative and careful in his investments and, with careful management, hard work and honest dealing, he created a large estate. He was a broad-minded and intelligent man and a good financier. He was a Democrat in politics and always interested in public affairs, though he never aspired to office. He was always charitable to the oppressed and needy and a good neighbor and friend. His honesty and integrity were above reproach and his word was as good as his bond. Both he and his wife were Lutherans in the old country, from which faith they never departed. The father was born on May 28, 1835, and died on April 18, 1908, aged seventy-five years. His wife still survives and resides at Lyons, where she has lived for fourteen years; she is in her seventy-sixth year, but well preserved, notwithstanding the hard labor and many hardships she underwent in the pioneer days. These good people became the parents of nine children: Lena, Mrs. William Schrader; Anna, who married Ingwer Momsen; William is a farmer; Fred lives on the old homestead; Henry, the subject; August is a farmer; Lizzie, now Mrs. Johan S. Snecklodt; Minnie, who married William Wiese; Ferdinand, of Lyons, was a farmer, but is now retired.

Henry Schoening remained under the parental roof until his marriage in 1893, and then he rented a farm where he labored for two years, after which he rented a farm from his father, where he yet resides, the same consisting of three hundred and twenty acres. After the death of his father and the latter's will was settled, Henry had been given two hundred thirty-five acres of the farm, with the improvements thereon. The farm had a two-story stone house and one large barn. He has remodeled the farm and erected corn-cribs and another large barn for convenience and has made

his house and home more attractive by cement walks around the yard and house, and the farm is well developed and under a high state of cultivation. He cultivates one hundred forty acres, the balance being in grass. In addition to his general farming interests, he carries on a large live stock business, feeding much stock of a first class variety for the markets. He feeds very large numbers of cattle and hogs, which have added much to his income. Politically, Mr. Schoening is a Republican, but does not aspire to office, more than minor township offices. He was reared by a good Lutheran mother, from which faith he has never departed. He is well known and commands universal confidence among his many friends and neighbors.

Mr. Schoening married Emma Dittmann, who was born in Hampshire township, this county, on July 2, 1872, the daughter of Claus and Anna (Frahm) Dittmann, he of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, she also of that country. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1870, locating in Hampshire township. He was a carpenter by trade. He had small means when he came to America, but by thrift and economy saved enough to buy two hundred acres of land, which he first rented, but later his sons conducted it. He never engaged in farming himself, but worked at his trade. He is a voter and is well posted in all business of the county and nation. He has never aspired to office, although he has served on the school board and several other minor offices. He became well known and highly respected in each community in which he lived. Both he and his wife are Lutherans. He is now seventy-five years old, and his wife is sixty-three. They have retired from active labor and reside on the old homestead in Hampshire township. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dittmann: Minnie, Mrs. Adolph Thiesen; Emma, wife of the subject; Rudolph, a traveling salesman for farming implements; Herman is a farmer and lives on the home farm.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schoening, Alfred, Erwin and Laurina, all at home.

JOHN P. AMBROSE.

Realizing that the present age is one of specialists, when in order to succeed one must know how to do things both well and quickly, John P. Ambrose, well known in manufacturing circles of Clinton county, sought to

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make himself proficient in whatever he turned his attention to, with the result that he has been rewarded with a large measure of success and at the same time has won a reputation for industry and straightforward dealings with his fellow men.

Mr. Ambrose was born in Buffalo, New York, December 10, 1864, and is the son of Norman and Barbara (Schaller) Ambrose. They were both born in Alsace, now a part of the German empire, but at that time belonging to France. The father came to America at the age of seventeen years with his parents. Barbara Schaller emigrated to our shores when sixteen years old with her parents. Both families located in Buffalo and there the parents of John P. Ambrose were married. The father began work as a poster at the Mansion House on Main street. Later he began "hacking" for himself and followed that fourteen or fifteen years. Owing to ill health, he then purchased a farm in Erie county, near Gardenville, and remained there until he retired from active life and moved back to Buffalo where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in March, 1903. His widow is still living, having reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, still hale and hearty. She is one of the oldest settlers in Buffalo. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ambrose. Three daughters and two sons are living, while two sons are deceased.

John P. Ambrose was educated in the German Catholic schools of Buffalo, New York, and he also attended St. Cornecia's College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1882. He started in life for himself by entering the crockery business for George E. Newman & Company at Buffalo as delivery boy. He then learned the brass finishing trade in the same place, but on account of ill health he gave up that work and started in at the Hamlin Glucose Works at Buffalo, and remained there for a period of ten years, having become general starch boss at the end of that time. He then went to Peoria, Illinois, and entered the glucose business as foreman in the starch department. He remained there two years and then went to Rockford four years and from there to Waukegan, where he became an employe of the United States Sugar Refining Company and remained with that concern one year, then went to Peoria, Illinois, with the Peoria Glucose Works, where he also spent one year, then returned to Waukegan and worked for the C. N. Warner Sugar Refining Company, in the position of night superintendent. He remained with this concern, giving his usual high grade service and eminent satisfaction, until the concern was sold, then Mr. Ambrose came to Clinton, Iowa, September 22, 1906, and was employed by the Clinton Sugar Refining Company as assistant manufacturing superintendent, which position he still

holds to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is regarded as an expert in this line and his long years of practical experience, studious habits and careful attention to details renders his services of inestimable value to whatever concern he is connected with.

Mr. Ambrose is a Democrat in politics and he belongs to the German Catholic church, as does his wife. He is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On April 8, 1890, Mr. Ambrose was married to Catherine Woelfel, a native of New York and a member of an excellent old family. One child, Elmer Edward, was born to this union. He is now a student and is a base ball pitcher of considerable note. Mrs. Ambrose was called to her rest on Thanksgiving day, 1892, and on June 6, 1899, Mr. Ambrose married Margaret Cecelia Shanahan, a native of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and a lady of many winning traits. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, Catherine Margaret and Norman Joseph; one child died in infancy.

JOHN MARTIN ATZEN.

Among the young agriculturists of Brookfield township, Clinton county, who have forged to the front in their chosen line of endeavor, the name of John Martin Atzen is worthy of special mention in this connection, for he has been a hard worker and has managed well, as only a cursory glance over his splendid farm will attest.

Mr. Atzen was born in Berlin township, this county, June 29, 1881. He is the son of Henry and Anna (Wies) Atzen, both natives of Germany, the former born on November 18, 1854; the latter died when Mr. Atzen was young. The father came to Clinton county, Iowa, when fifteen years of age and located in Berlin township, and he lived with his uncle, Peter Petersen, there for some time. After he was of age he began life for himself by renting farming land in Berlin township, which method he followed for several years, and by being economical and working hard he got a good start, and in about 1883 he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Brookfield township, and afterwards bought one hundred and twenty acres more adjoining. The place was nearly all timber when he purchased it, but he went to work with a will and in due course of time cleared it and placed it under cultivation, and erected good, comfortable buildings. He carried on general farming and stock raising, always feeding a large

number of cattle each year. Politically he was a Democrat and he served his district as school director. He belonged to the Lutheran church and was a man of high integrity and honor, his life being led along such lines as always inspire the confidence and good will of others. After the death of his first wife he was married to Mrs. Anna Bleadorn. The following children were born to the first union: Harry, Eddie, John Martin and Mrs. Anna Schmidt. Two children were born to the second union, Minnie and Hilda. The father moved to Maquoketa, Iowa, in 1905 and retired.

John M. Atzen, of this review, grew to maturity on the home farm, which he worked when old enough, and he attended school in Brookfield township. He remained under the parental roof until he married; in fact, he has never left the home place, but prior to his marriage he assisted his father with the general work about the farm, and since then he has been doing for himself, and he has shown that he is a very able agriculturist in all its phases, keeping the farm well improved and well stocked and his labors are rewarded year by year by abundant harvests. He is enterprising, hard-working and is highly respected by his neighbors, as was his honored father before him. He feeds cattle quite extensively and has good success in this line. Mr. Atzen was baptized in the German Lutheran church and he has never departed from that faith.

On March 20, 1905, Mr. Atzen was married to Otilie Kettelsen, who was born in Brookfield township, the daughter of Claus and Hermina Kettelsen, which union has resulted in the birth of two children, Martha and a baby, Vernon. Like the Atzen family, the Kettelsens are highly respected.

WILLIAM BRUCE CRAMPTON.

This is the day of Anglo-Saxon supremacy, and proud should those persons be in whose veins flows the pure English blood, for theirs is the race and the strain which have given the color and form to the two greatest nationalities of the day, the American and the British. There are persons in these nationalities of many and various descents, but the English element has pressed its dominant stamp on all the national characteristics, and they are to all practical purposes English nations throughout. This review records the doings of a family who exemplify the strongest English traits.

William Bruce Crampton was born on June 16, 1881, in Clinton county, Iowa, the son of William Crampton. William Crampton was born in

Lincolnshire, England, on December 7, 1851, the son of William and Mary Crampton. His parents came to this country in 1852, and located in Eden township, where a number of English families had colonized, and there purchased a farm, following agricultural pursuits until their deaths, at the respective ages of seventy-five and eighty-five. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living, all in this county except Benjamin. Those resident in Clinton county are John, George, Eliza (now Mrs. Halless), Mrs. John Clement and William.

William Crampton received his education in the common schools, and was married in this county to Eliza Robson, who died on July 11, 1881, and was buried in Elvira cemetery. There were born to them four sons, Frankie (deceased), Elmer E., Oliver and William Bruce. The three last named live near each other on one hundred and sixty acres each of fertile land improved with good buildings. Their father retired from the farm in 1904, first moving to Clinton, and later purchasing property at Low Moor, where he now resides. He began married life on the farm where his son, Elmer E., now lives, and by good management and industry accumulated property until he was, when he retired, the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of fine farming land, the most of which lies in Center township.

William Bruce Crampton, the youngest member of the family, resides upon his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located one mile east of Elvira. He is a young man of sterling qualities and one of the successful young farmers of his county. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is a member of the order of Eagles. He is unmarried. None of the younger residents of the township are more popular or better liked than is Mr. Crampton, nor have a more promising future.

JACOB HOFFMANN.

Although probably not a relative of the great German composer bearing the name of Hoffmann, the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review has, nevertheless, esthetic qualities, in a way, whether he has made a reputation as a musician or not, for he is a lover of nature and harmony and symmetry, as is shown by the tasty manner in which he keeps his farm in Hampshire township, Clinton county, for it is calculated to impress the stranger at a glance, being well kept, clean and in proper order.

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JACOB HOFFMANN AND FAMILY

Jacob Hoffmann was born in Germany on February 21, 1862, the son of Peter and Martha (Paulsen) Hoffmann, both born, reared and educated in the fatherland, and who, in the year 1873, emigrated to America and located in Clinton county, Iowa. The father was a shoemaker by trade, which he followed successfully until old age. He lived in Washington township, this county, where his death occurred on February 21, 1901. His widow is still living, now at an advanced age. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom are living.

Jacob Hoffmann received his education in the schools of Germany, where he grew to maturity. He also attended school a short time after coming to this country. He was reared on a farm and he took up farming for a life occupation, working out as a farm hand until he was thirty-four years old, or in 1896, when, having saved his money, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hampshire township, Clinton county. He has brought this place up to a high state of cultivation and improvement, and built a fine house, a good barn and made all necessary improvements on the same. He is a general farmer and raises some good stock. In politics he is an independent voter, preferring to support the men who, in his judgment, are best qualified to fill the offices sought. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church at Elvira.

On March 3, 1897, Mr. Hoffmann was united in marriage with Mrs. Matilda Jacobsen, a native of Clinton, Iowa, where she was reared and educated. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, Martin, Ernest and Louisa.

CHARLES JARGO.

This sketch deals with the life of a man who is prominently identified with the farming and stock raising interests of Elk River township and the vice-president of the Teeds Grove Savings Bank. Charles Jargo was born in Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa, on March 28, 1864, was reared to farming and stock raising, and received his education in the district schools, and at Riverside Institute, where he spent two terms. He is the son of William F. and Wilhelmina (Lange) Jargo, both natives of Mecklinburg, Germany, where they were married. William F. Jargo was reared as a shepherd boy, caring for the sheep, later engaged in regular farm work, and when married came to America, landing in New York in 1857. From there he came to Chicago, where both he and his wife found employ-

ment on a farm, for, being without means, they were not afraid to work. Here they remained but a short time and then came to Clinton, where he found work cutting cord wood for the railroad at a low price per cord. Later he worked at such labor as he could find, mostly for the farmers, often taking pay in some of their produce, on which he could live, thus continuing until he was able to buy a yoke of oxen, when he rented a farm. He rented until 1867, when he bought eighty acres of land at twenty-five dollars per acre, with a small amount of improvements, including a box house. He resided on this farm until his death, to which he added until it included two hundred and forty acres, and had bought other lands, and aided his three sons in the purchase of farms. Mr. Jargo followed general farming and stock raising, also buying and feeding stock for market, mostly shipping his own stock, and giving his attention to his farm and its products to the exclusion of other matters. In the true sense of a self-made man, he accumulated a good estate. His best and most often consulted adviser was his wife, a faithful helpmate. In politics he was a Republican, but never aspired to office beyond serving in some of the township offices, among them that of school director, which he filled for several years. He and his wife were brought up in the Lutheran faith, from which they never departed, and were well known and highly respected residents of their community, of honor and integrity above reproach. Mr. Jargo died on August 24, 1903, in his ninety-fourth year, his wife on September 24, 1904. They were the parents of three sons: William, who is a practical, neat and successful farmer in Jackson county, Iowa; Charles, and Ernest, also a prominent farmer of Jackson county, living near Miles, and near his brother William.

Charles Jargo was reared on the old homestead, which he now owns and where he resides and carries forward the work inaugurated by his father. He has made a record equal to his father's, and is engaged in general farming and the raising of thoroughbred and registered Shorthorn cattle, Percheron and Norman horses, and Poland China hogs. He has added to the homestead, and now owns four hundred and sixteen acres of farming and grass land, well adapted to stock raising, with running water and wells in each field. The house, which is built on an elevated site, he has remodeled and enlarged and has erected other needed buildings, making his one of the best improved farms in the township. He is a stockholder in the Teeds Grove Savings Bank and its vice-president. This is one of the solid institutions of Clinton county. He also owns an interest in two fine stallions of proved merit, one a Percheron and the other a Belgian, and is a member of a threshing machine company, and the committeeman

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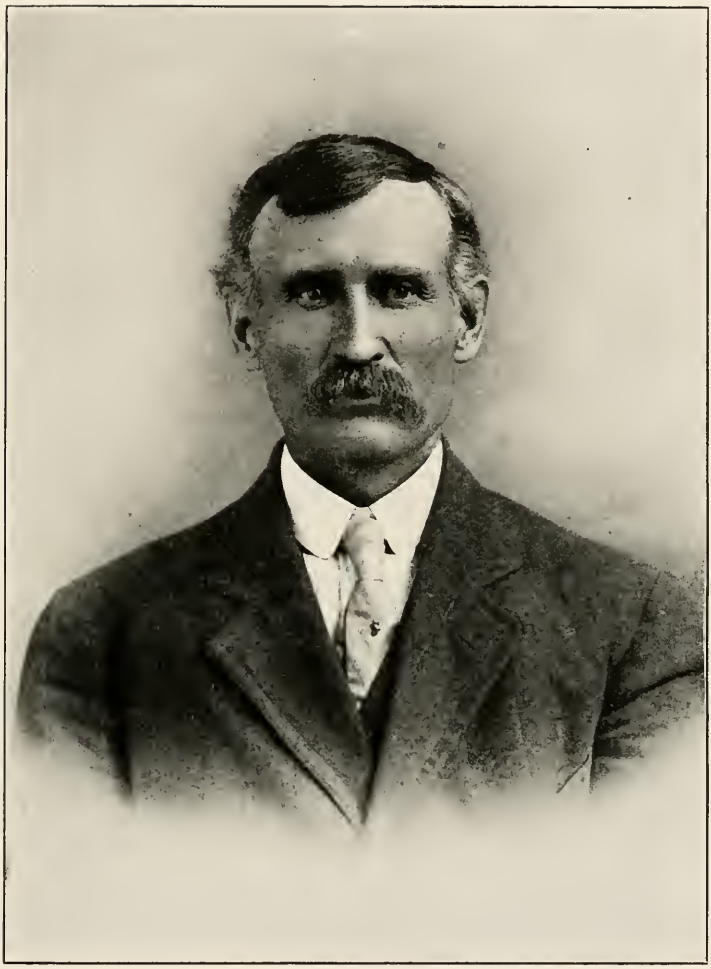

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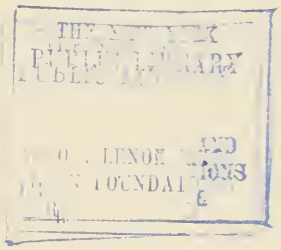

that bought the machine. For eight years he has been a member of the school board, and has given his children a good education, three of them having graduated from the high school, and three from the public schools, ready for advancement. Mr. Jargo is a strong and active Republican, but has cared to hold no offices save that of township clerk. Baptized in the Lutheran faith, he has never departed from it. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows and has filled all the chairs.

In 1888 Charles Jargo was married to Julia Kunau, the daughter of John and Anna C. (Feldtmann) Kunau, natives of Germany, where they were married and where their daughter Julia was born. John Kunau came to America without his family in 1868, landing in New York, then, bringing the family, made a short stop in Ohio, and came on to Iowa, where he started in on a small scale as a farm renter. He was successful, and later bought a good farm of three hundred acres, forty of which were in timber. After advancing age had come to him, he sold the farm to his son and retired from active labor. In politics he is independent. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Kunau is well known, and highly respected where known. His family consisted of Julia, Mrs. Jargo; John, a farmer; Theresa, Mrs. M. H. Peters; Ernest, a farmer; Bertha, Mrs. Henry Peters; Elfreda, Mrs. Ferdinand Peters; Alfred, farmer on the homestead; and S. H., assistant cashier of the Teeds Grove Savings Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Jargo have been born six children; the eldest are twins, William H. and John K., born October 8, 1890; Alta P., born on September 3, 1892; Malinda J., born on March 17, 1895; and Marvin B. and Ervin A., twins, born on December 24, 1896.

The *Drover's Journal* of Chicago offered three prizes for subscriptions to their paper, the second of which was a ticket to Washington, D. C., which was won by Marvin B., one of Mr. Jargo's youngest sons. So his father paid the fare for his twin brother, and the two boys made the trip, and stood in front of the Capitol in the group and had their pictures taken with the national winners, the whole being quite an achievement for thirteen-year-old boys.

WILLIAM STRUVE.

The name which heads this sketch is one of the best known names in Elk River township and in Clinton county, as that of the miller of Hauntown, while his mill is one of the historic landmarks of the county. William Struve

was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on August 18, 1858, the son of Ernest H. and Safrina (Schnoor) Struve, both natives of Germany. Ernest H. Struve was born in 1826, and in 1848 came to America, first locating in Texas, and later in Scott county, Iowa. He bought raw land and in 1854 bought in Jackson county. In 1868 he sold this and engaged in milling at Teeds Grove, having learned the millwright's trade in his native land. He remained but one year at Teeds Grove, and then bought an interest in the mill near Hauntown, in Elk River township, which he conducted until 1887, when he sold the mill to his son William and moved to Almont, where he bought an improved farm, and where he was postmaster for a number of years, living mostly a retired life. He was a very competent miller, did both merchant and custom work, and was very successful and much respected, being known as the "honest miller." In politics he was a Republican and took much interest in public affairs, being proud of his adopted country. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. He died on April 24, 1900; his wife preceded him in December, 1898. She was the daughter of Henry Schnoor, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1854, with his family, and located in Jackson county, where he followed the millwright's trade for a time, which he had learned in the old country, and also did carpenter work. He was a Lutheran. Mr. Struve was among the oldest of his eight children.

To Ernest Struve and his wife six sons and two daughters were born, namely: The eldest died in infancy; Paul H. is a farmer and assistant in the mill; William; John, the miller of Lyons; Ferdinand, formerly a farmer and miller, now lives retired at Miles, Iowa; Amelia married John Frahm; Edward is a farmer; Martha M. married J. L. Myers.

William Struve grew up at farming and milling, attended the district schools, and has a good practical education. He assisted his father in the mill for some time, then rented it from him, and finally bought it. This mill was an old-style buhr mill, which he has since remodeled and now uses up-to-date machinery, having six pairs of rolls for wheat, while he uses the old stone mill for buckwheat and rye, and does merchant and custom work. He exchanges with the farmers flour for wheat, grinds feed, and also runs a sawmill in connection. The Elk River mill is one of the oldest in Iowa, the present mill, which succeeded others on the same site, having been built in 1854, originally using water power from the Elk river, but Mr. Struve has attached a steam engine for use when the water is low. In early days the settlers came for one hundred miles about to Elk River mill, and Hauntown was one of the prosperous early settlements, while the mill is an old land-

mark known to all of the early settlers. It has always been operated by capable millers and the people have been treated honestly. Mr. Struve uses home grown wheat except when the supply is short, then ships in from elsewhere. For many years he gave his entire attention to the mill, but has later branched out. The mill property contains over three hundred acres of farming, pasture and timber land, and Mr. Struve raises cattle, hogs and horses, and feeds cattle and hogs for market, mostly shipping his own stock. In 1898 he assisted in organizing the Sabula Telephone Company, which was incorporated in that year, and is president of the company, which has over three hundred phones in operation. In politics he is a Republican, and active, being a leading member of the township committee and having filled school offices and served as township tax collector with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people and party.

Mr. Struve has been twice married, the first time, in 1888, to Ella Myers, a native of Elk River township, the daughter of Adam and Lizzie (Kline) Myers, her father a native of Germany and her mother of Ohio. Adam Myers was a farmer, but has now retired to Lyons, where his wife died in April, 1910. Four children were born to Mr. Struve by his first wife: Cora M., Ethel I., Joseph W. and Roy A., all at home. Their mother died in March, 1896. Mr. Struve was again married in November, 1897, to Dora Myers, a sister of his former wife. To this union there have been four children born: Virtus H., Lyle A., Harvey E. and Leslie M.

JOHN F. FOX.

The name of John F. Fox is well remembeed in railroad circles in eastern Iowa, and, in fact, by a wide circle of loyal friends and acquaintances, for he was for many years considered one of the best men in his line of work in this country and his genial personality, coupled with his straightforward business policy and his hospitable manner, made him admired and respected by all who came into contact with him. He will not soon be forgotten here, his death, occurring as it did while he was in the full zenith of his powers, being sincerely regretted by the community long honored by his residence.

Mr. Fox was born in Clinton county, Iowa, March 4, 1854, of an excellent old pioneer family. He received a good education in the public schools of his native vicinity. He was the son of John and Mary Fox, both natives of Missouri and now both deceased. The son, John F. Fox, began life as a

farmer, which he continued until he was twenty-one years of age in Hampshire township, this county, but not caring to follow the life of the husbandman, he came to Lyons and began working in a saw mill, later securing employment on the Northwestern railroad. After filling a minor position, his abilities were readily recognized by the officials and he was appointed foreman of the bridge and piling work, his first boss being W. D. Waldron. Having performed his work in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction in every detail, he was made superintendent of the western division under W. C. Halsey, the duties of which important and responsible trust he continued to perform in a manner that reflected the utmost credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company, until his death in a wreck, November 4, 1904, in Washington county, Iowa. His success was due from the fact that he was a man quick of perception, being able to readily grasp a situation, and also because he believed in doing well what was worth doing at all. He was liked by his men and knew well how to manage all types of crews so as to obtain the best results.

Mr. Fox was married on July 18, 1878, to Sarah Laughlin, a lady of refinement and pleasing address, a native of the state of Wisconsin and the daughter of Michael and Bridget Laughlin, a highly respected and influential family who came to America from Ireland. Mrs. Laughlin was educated in Lady Dugel Seminary at Lyons, Iowa. Mr. Fox was a man of exemplary character in every respect and a worthy and conscientious member of the Catholic church, of which Mrs. Fox is also a faithful member.

JOHN B. COOK.

The late John B. Cook was one of the leading agriculturists of Hampshire township, Clinton county. Being a man of enterprise, at the close of his career he had something to show for his labor, and he left behind him the untarnished escutcheon of an old and highly honored name and a record of which any community might well be proud. It is said of him that he never contracted a debt unless he felt confident that he could pay it promptly, and in thus meeting all obligations he won the undivided confidence of all who knew him. He always gave his aid and influence to enterprises for the public good, taking a great interest in his adopted county and state and in his community he did many things that resulted in a general uplift.

Mr. Cook, like many of the progressive citizens of Clinton county, was a native of Ohio, having been born in Clermont county in 1827. There he

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grew to maturity and received a good education in the schools of his vicinity, which was supplemented later in life by wide and systematic home reading and by actual contact with the world at large. When a youth he assisted with the general work about the place, being by nature industrious and a good manager, so that he got a start early in life. After farming a short time in Ohio, he moved to near Quincy, Illinois, and in 1848 came to Iowa, and, liking the country, believing that it held rare possibilities for the future, he decided to cast his lot here, beginning life in true pioneer fashion. He became prominent in his community and in due course of time owned and developed three valuable farms. This fact shows his indomitable courage and industry as nothing else could, for it is not a small matter to develop even one farm from the wild. His home place was a model, well improved in every respect and he had a substantial, amply and neatly furnished dwelling and good out-buildings. He handled a great deal of live stock in connection with general farming and was very successful in whatever he turned his attention to. It will be a long time before Hampshire township sees a better all-around agriculturist and a worthier citizen. The death of Mr. Cook occurred in January, 1907.

Mr. Cook married, in Ohio, Rebecca Miller, the daughter of an excellent old family of the Buckeye state.

By his kindness and courtesy Mr. Cook won an abiding place in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and by his intelligence, energy and enterprising spirit made his influence felt among his friends and associates, by reason of his well ordered life.

FRANK GAGE.

The art of carpentry has found an able exponent in Clinton county in the person of Frank Gage, whose residence is in the city of Lyons. He has a wide reputation as an adroit workman, always painstaking, accurate and exercising splendid taste and good judgment, consequently his services are always in great demand. Not only as a carpenter and builder, but also as a citizen, Mr. Gage is popular. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, August 10, 1860, and is the son of Marshall Springer Bidwell Gage, whose death occurred in 1893. His wife was known in her maidenhood as Agnes Graham, who was born in Canada.

The subject's paternal grandfather, James P. Gage, was a trader on the great lakes and he became wealthy for those early days. He came to Lyons, Iowa, in the late fifties. Here he built and conducted a retail grocery store.

Later he started the Citizens National Bank in Clinton, which is still the most prosperous banking house in the city. His son, Marshall S. B., father of Frank Gage, when about eighteen or nineteen years of age, moved to Iowa there and continued to reside there a short time. In 1861 he moved to Lyons and with his father went into the retail grocery business. After a few years he entered the First National Bank at Lyons and learned the banking business, becoming cashier of that institution, and in 1872 he went into his father's bank in Clinton, the Citizens National Bank. He was an ardent Democrat and served his party very faithfully as city alderman in 1890. He was an excellent financier and a man in whom the utmost confidence was reposed by all who knew him.

Frank Gage, of this review, is the only son in a family of six children; his sisters were Mary, Jenell and Breezy, all deceased; and Mrs. Carrie Lund and Mrs. Myra Eron.

The subject was educated in the Lyons high school and after his graduation there he took a course in the Clinton Business College. He then learned the carpenter's trade and has followed the same ever since, with very gratifying results. He owns a very attractive and comfortable home at No. 709 Commercial street, Lyons.

Mr. Gage is a loyal Democrat and takes a great interest in the affairs of his party. He was elected alderman at large in this city two successive terms, beginning in 1907, and he is still serving and is making a splendid record in this capacity. His continued service in this connection is a criterion of his high standing in the city.

Mr. Gage was married on February 22, 1883, to Emily Wright, who was born at Lyons, the daughter of H. J. and Ann (Beckington) Wright, both natives of England. This union has resulted in the birth of two sons, Harry Bidwell and Robin H. The former has a son named Bidwell Keyes Gage, thus preserving the name "Bidwell" which has been in the family many generations; the child's great-grandfather also bore the name of Bidwell.

HERMAN F. WURMKE.

It is somewhat surprising in passing through the farming sections of Clinton and other counties in the great valley of the "Father of Waters" to note the large number of young men who are operating the farms. This is

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as it should be, for they are full of energy, ambition and are desirous of getting a start, and so much more can be accomplished in the first half of one's life; then, too, it is good to see the old patriarchs, fathers of these young men, who labored long and hard in the clearing and developing of the farms here now enjoying a respite and living in honorable retirement in their pleasant homes. They need the rest and the young blood needs the chance to do something.

One of the young men of Clinton county who is making good as a farmer is Herman F. Wurmke, who is living on the place on which he was born on May 5, 1883. He is the son of Diedrich and Mary Anna Wurmke, both natives of Germany, from which country they came to America in 1858 and 1861, respectively, being then single, having grown to maturity in the Fatherland, and they were married after reaching the United States.

Diedrich Wurmke embarked in a sailing vessel at Hamburg, Germany, and was nine weeks and two days on the water. He landed at New Orleans, where he remained for three years, when, accompanied by two brothers, he went to Davenport, Iowa, by wagon, being three weeks on the road. There he was employed at day labor. He was saving of his money and when he had accumulated eighteen hundred dollars he bought his first land in Clinton county, that being in 1864, and the purchase comprised eighty acres. He was progressive and fifteen years later added one hundred and thirty acres, making a total of two hundred and ten acres, in Hampshire township. He cleared much of this land and placed it under excellent improvements, and had one of the best farms of the community. He was not a public man and lived a quiet and retired life.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Diedrich Wurmke, named as follows: Mrs. Carolina Dierks, of Lincoln, Nebraska; John, who lives in Bloomfield, Nebraska; Mrs. Anna David, of Idaho; Paulina Jensen, who lives in the state of Washington; Emma Amanda lives at home; Bertha Louisa also lives at home; Herman F., of this review. The father of these children was called to his reward on October 7, 1903; the mother is still living.

Herman F. Wurmke was educated in the common schools of his home district, grew up on the farm and has made farming his life work, having assisted his father until his death. He is now the owner of one of the choice farms of the township, consisting of two hundred and ten acres. He carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as being abreast of the times in every respect. He keeps his place well improved and his buildings are substantial and in good repair, in fact, his place presents a pleasing appearance, for he is a good manager and a hard worker, and

is deserving of a very high rank in the list of Clinton county's young agriculturists.

Politically, Mr. Wurmke is independent, and has never aspired to public offices. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and is a young man of steady habits. He has remained unmarried.

EDWARD L. CAIN.

Prominently identified with the farming and business interests of Deep Creek township, Clinton county, is Edward L. Cain, a man who has worked long and hard for what he has and is therefore deserving of the success that is today his.

Mr. Cain was born in Union City, Michigan, April 15, 1865, was reared on a farm and educated in the rural schools and one year at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa, also two years at St. Ambrose College, Davenport. He is the son of Edward and Celia (McKirnan) Cain, both of Ireland. They were married in New York state and remained there a short time, then moved to Michigan, where the father improved farms and set out orchards. In 1867 they moved to Jackson county, Iowa, where he bought prairie land and improved another farm; latter he sold out in Jackson county and came to Clinton county and bought land where the subject yet lives. It had been under cultivation, but there were no buildings. The subject moved and settled near and his father made his home with him and the son erected all the buildings. He has a commodious, two-story frame house, three large barns and outhouses for all contingencies, and his three hundred and sixty acres is all under fence and in pasture and cultivation. The father died here on September 2, 1904. In his active days he did general farming and raised stock and was successful. He was an early settler here, was a Democrat in politics and filled some township offices in Jackson county, was township trustee many years and held other minor township offices, filling each position with which he was entrusted with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. He was well known in Jackson county and highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. His wife died in January, 1882. Both were Catholics. Five children were born to them, namely: Lizzie, Mrs. O'Neil, of Montana; Thomas died in 1905, single; John is a business man of Preston, Iowa; Ellen, Mrs. John Ryan; Edward L., of this review.

Edward L. Cain remained under the parental roof until he married, when he took charge of this farm and his father made his home with him during his declining years. The son has made all the substantial improvements on the farm and has a well improved place in a good state of cultivation. He has a good young orchard and a fine farm home. He is a general farmer and raises stock, which he feeds and ships to the market, having been very successful. He also holds stock in the Goose Lake Bank. He is among the leading Democrats of his township, and in Jackson county he was elected tax collector, and after settling in this township in 1904, he was elected township clerk, which position he has filled creditably to himself and satisfactorily to the people. He was brought up in the Catholic church, from which faith he has never departed.

Mr. Cain married, in April, 1891, Margaret Flynn, who was born in this township November 13, 1865, and who has proved a worthy wife and good helpmate. She is the daughter of Mathew and Margaret (Phelan) Flynn, both natives of Erin's green isle, but they were married in Clinton county. He came to America when nineteen years old, and spent a few years in the east. About 1835 or 1836 he came west to Dubuque, Iowa, and followed such labor as he could find to do and, after a few years at Dubuque, came to Clinton county about 1837, as a pioneer and entered land in Deep Creek township and improved it. Later he married, and made a government settlement, being a pioneer in the settlement. He helped lay the foundation for moral and physical development and for good government. He was a strong Democrat and well posted on all matters of public interest, using his influence for the party. He was a hard working man and by good management he created a good estate, a large, valuable farm and was a general farmer and raised and fed stock for market. He gave his farm and products all his attention. He was a broad minded, intelligent farmer and a good financier. He was social and enjoyed friends, was charitable to the afflicted and needy, a good neighbor and friend. When he first came he did his milling at Hauntown, on the Elk river. He was among the first to settle here, and he underwent many deprivations and hardships such as all early settlers had to undergo. He was a strong Democrat, but had held no office. He was a constant and worthy member of the Catholic church. He died April 3, 1890, and is buried by the church in the Catholic cemetery. His wife, who died in April, 1900, was also a Catholic.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, the wife of Mr. Cain being the fifth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Cain have been born five children, namely: Matthew, Anna, Joseph, Ella and Cecelia, all living

at home. Mr. and Mrs. Cain are consistent and worthy members of the Catholic church, and are educating and bringing up their children in that faith.

COL. JOHN LUBBERS.

There would be a regrettable omission in any history of Clinton county purporting to be fully complete and comprehensive, should the name of the well remembered and highly honored Col. John Lubbers be omitted from its annals, for he was one of the notable men of his day and generation here and one of the early settlers of Lyons. All who were acquainted with him will readily acquiesce in the statement that he was one of the most prominent German-American citizens of this part of the state, having been one of the brave "boys in blue" who unhesitatingly offered his services and his life, if need be, in defense of the stars and stripes which he loved, and who, through rare tact, bravery and courage, rose to the rank of colonel and won the commendation and admiration of his men and superior officers.

Colonel Lubbers was born in Bremen, Germany, December 22, 1825, and from early boyhood he had a penchant for the free adventurous life of the sailor. When only fifteen years of age he went to sea, where, by faithfulness to duty, he gradually rose in nautical affairs, and in the war of 1848 he was second lieutenant in the German navy. He had a thrilling experience, having been captured by the Danes and held a prisoner for three months, when he effected his escape, after which he came to America and settled first in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1853. Buying a farm near that city, he devoted his attention to the same a short time. The call of the wanderlust soon took him from the quiet and monotony of rural life, and he settled in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1857 and built a hotel at Lyons, known as the Dresden hotel, which became very popular in those ante-bellum days, under his efficient management. The great Civil war coming on in 1861, he enlisted as captain of Company E, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served with distinction until the close of the war, rising by merit and faithful service to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He participated in many trying campaigns and some of the leading battles of the war, in all of which he conducted himself with the courage, discipline and sagacity of an able officer and true patriot of his adopted country.

After his career in the army, Colonel Lubbers returned to Lyons and continued to conduct his hotel for awhile, then traded it for a farm and en-

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gaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in the year 1885. He developed one of the model farms of this section of the county, kept it well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He had a commodious and attractive dwelling and substantial outbuildings, and he always kept a good grade of live stock of various kinds, being a good judge of stock. He liked good horses and kept some fine ones. He was long regarded as one of the leading farmers and substantial citizens of his community, and while laboring for his own advancement he never lost sight of his obligations to his neighbors and the public in general, always standing ready to do his full duty as a citizen, supporting at all times such measures as made for the general good. Politically he was a Democrat and he served very acceptably as assessor of his township and other local offices. His life of sixty-six years was a very active and strenuous one, filled with varied and interesting experiences and characterized at all times by duty well performed.

In early manhood Colonel Lubbers married Johanna Fuhrmann, a native of Schleswig, Germany, a lady of many praiseworthy characteristics and the daughter of a sterling old family. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, all of whom died in infancy but two, Hattie and Paul.

Colonel Lubbers was a man whom to know was to admire and respect, for his word was as good if not better than the bond of most men, and he was a leader among the Germans of this part of the state and he did much for the general good of the locality where he so long resided.

ANDREW L. HARRINGTON.

Iowa is a farming state and the bulk of her wealth consists of farming property. The majority of her citizens reside on farms and there have been developed those qualities of character which have made them noted for their uprightness and moral strength. Undeniably, the farm is the best developer of honest, sturdy manhood. Contact with nature and the freedom from the temptations for crooked dealings which city life offers have much to do with this. One may deal falsely with his fellow men, but he can not play the trickster with nature The gentleman whose history we are now recording is a splendid example of the best product of the Iowa farm.

Andrew L. Harrington was born in Genesee county, New York, on August 22, 1841, a son of Stukely S. Harrington, who was born in Otsego county, New York, December 20, 1806, and Elizabeth (Evans) Harrington, born in

Pownald, Vermont, January 9, 1810. They came to Clinton county in 1865 and in July, 1866, located on the farm which their son Andrew still owns. Here Stukely died, July 26, 1897, his wife having long preceded him, dying at De Witt August 16, 1879. They were the parents of two children, Chauncey Spencer (see his sketch) and Andrew L. Stukely Harrington was a Demoocrat in early life, but after the organization of the Republican party transferred his allegiance to it. In New York he was assessor of Alabama township, Genesee county. He was a man of much influence in his community and highly esteemed.

Andrew L. Harrington attended the common schools and worked on the farm and in a saw mill when a boy. He came to this county in 1865 with his parents, and now owns the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres. He is a general farmer and stock feeder and has one of the best cared for and most productive farms in the township. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office. He and his family are members of the Baptist church.

Mr. Harrington was married in Genesee county, New York, to Jemima Ackerson, and had by her one son, James, born May 31, 1868, a farmer and mechanic. She died on June 6, 1880. His second wife was Caroline Comstock, whom he married on January 1, 1881, and who died June 24, 1884, leaving no children. On October 30, 1884, he was married to Harriet M. Eldred, of Otsego, New York, whose death occurred on December 21, 1910. She was a good woman, being a faithful member of the Baptist church. James S. Harrington was married to Hattie Nailer on July 1, 1891, and has four children, Mary Elizabeth, born September 23, 1892; Frank Lee, born November 11, 1893; Chauncey Spencer, born March 15, 1895; and George Andrew, born June 12, 1901. All are living and are a fine family of young folks. He is a Republican, and he and his family are Baptists. He owns one hundred fifty-four acres, and is a general farmer and stock raiser and one of the most skillful in the community.

Both Andrew Harrington and his son James are men of exceptional standing in the township. They are esteemed by those who know them and have many friends. They are among the most progressive farmers of the township.

JAMES DWIGHT LAMB.

No man has ever lived in Clinton county who left a more indelible imprint of his sterling characteristics upon the hearts of friends and acquaintances

than the late James Dwight Lamb, who was summoned to close his earthly accounts and take up his abode "in the windowless palaces of rest" while in the full flush and zenith of his young manhood. His career was one of which any family should be proud, for it showed what right principles, properly directed, could accomplish and how excellent a thing it is to live up to high ideals.

Mr. Lamb was born in Clinton, Iowa, June 25, 1871, and was the second son of the late Artemus Lamb, deceased, who was the founder of the firm of C. Lamb & Sons, one of the largest lumber milling firms in the Mississippi valley and which made the name of Clinton widely known. This family has been prominent in all the relations of life in this locality since the pioneer days.

Dwight Lamb, as he was familiarly known, enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, having attended school at Exeter, New Hampshire, and later at Orchard Lake, Michigan. His tastes were for an active business career and while still a young man his father gave him a position in the office of mill D, the Chancy mill of the firm of C. Lamb & Sons. Mr. Lamb learned the business thoroughly and in a few years became manager of this branch of the business, retaining this active control until the close of the mill.

Meanwhile he had become interested in machinery. Mechanism was not only his hobby, but became his absorbing passion. Beginning with an interest in the Clinton Separator Works, he developed the business until it grew into the Lamb Boat & Engine Company, of which he was president and promoter. The business of this firm has traveled far and wide; branch offices have been established in Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and New York City and through them the Lamb engines and his latest model, the torpedo stern launch and cruisers, have been sold in many states of the Union.

With the advent of automobiles he took up this branch of mechanism, establishing the first and only garage, for some time, conducted in the city and in this portion of the state. The winter before his death saw the incorporation of the Lamb Automobile Company, with J. D. Lamb as president, and the building of a handsome permanent building for a garage and repair shop.

There were other interests in Clinton with which he was more or less actively identified. These interests included a directorship in the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, a directorship in the City National Bank, also in the Iowa & Illinois Railroad Company, of which he was treasurer, and an interest in the Clinton theater. He had a genius for organization and promoting concerns and he was very successful in whatever he turned his attention to, being a man of keen observation, a clear, analytical mind and able, with remarkable accuracy, to forecast the outcome of a present transaction.

In social and lodge circles, Mr. Lamb was a prominent figure, being a member of the Wapsipinicon Club, and he was a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar, the DeMolay Consistory and also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he was, in addition, a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On October 5, 1892, James D. Lamb was married to Mollie Ankeny, daughter of Mrs. Valeria M. Ankeny and a descendant of two of the first families of the state. To them were born three children, Celeste, Valeria and Artemus, the latter being the only male minor of the name of Lamb.

The home life of this practical millionaire was one of great happiness. He had an ideal home, a beautiful and magnificent residence which he built at Woodlands, attractive, well kept, elegantly furnished and often the scene of hospitality and a favorite mecca for a large circle of admiring friends and acquaintances.

The death of this distinguished citizen was a tragic one, he having been drowned on May 12, 1905, having accidentally fallen off the cruiser "Margaret," a boat which had just been turned out by the Lamb Boat & Engine Works, the accident occurring on her trial trip on the Mississippi river near Bellevue. His death came as a great shock to the people of Clinton, for he was a man whose personality made itself felt. He was a rich man, but not one of the ideal rich, his wealth being turned to good account. He was an extensive manufacturer, and interested citizen in everything that redounded to the welfare of Clinton, and he was never too busy to listen to or assist in promoting some public measure benefit. His place in the industrial world of Clinton and eastern Iowa will be a very hard one to fill. He can be seen by mortal eyes no longer, but—thanks for the assurance of hope—upon the great ocean of eternity, his life, not in the embrace of sleep nor in the apparent selfishness of rest, will be in activity of service in a higher and nobler sphere. And so another active, earnest, intellect is stilled; another toiling life is ended. Helpless, we pause at its close, and then attempt to tell the story of the years of labor, ambition and success which marked an eventful career. Those left behind can only cherish his memory and emulate his virtues.

DAVID E. KELLY.

The present review deals with the life of a man who is a representative member of a family which has been prominent in Clinton county since the

times of early settlement, whose ability and worth have placed them to the front in their undertakings.

David E. Kelly was born in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, on December 23, 1867, the son of Robert Kelly, Sr., who was born in Pennsylvania in 1841, and Kathleen (Dillhammer) Kelly, also a native of Pennsylvania. Robert Kelly was the son of Adam Kelly, a well known pioneer of Clinton county, who took up government land in Center township in 1853. Robert was then twelve years old and grew to manhood on his father's farm, helping him to break the virgin soil and make a prosperous farm. When twenty-four he bought a farm of his own, and at the time of his death, in 1905, he owned four hundred and twelve acres in Lincoln township. He was a true stockman of the earlier days and spent most of his money and efforts in feeding cattle for market, from which he received large returns and made a financial success. As were all the Kellys, he was a member of the Presbyterian church.

David E. Kelly was the oldest of the family, and as a lad he had an instrumental part in his father's success. He had the following brothers: Samuel B., of Brooking, South Dakota; Richard, deceased; Albert Burke, of France, Iowa; Robert Bruce, of Lincoln township, a farmer; and Lee C., who lives on the homestead in Lincoln township. David received a very liberal education, first attending the schools of his township, then of Clinton. He spent one year at the Northwestern Illinois College, at Fulton, Illinois; one year at Monmouth College, and one year at Dixon College. By this time he had learned telegraphy, which he followed for four years. Then he bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Benton county, on which he lived eleven years, devoting most of his attention to feeding cattle. In January, 1907, he bought ten acres just west of Clinton, Iowa, in Lincoln township, and built for himself a modern residence, well furnished, and large and convenient barns. He lives here and supervises his farms, of which he owns one in Minnesota and one in Michigan, besides the one in Benton county. Though not engaged in active labor, he is yet a busy man, the supervision of his farms and other work keeping him employed most of his time.

On national issues Mr. Kelly is a Republican, but in local matters he votes for the best man, without regard to party. He has served as township trustee and held other minor offices. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and fraternally a member of the blue lodge of Masons. Mr. Kelly is a man of strong business ability and high intelligence. As appears above, he has unquestionably succeeded in life, and much of his success has been due to the fact that he has supplemented his native ability by unremitting hard work.

Mr. Kelly was married December 9, 1891, to Lucy O. Goddert, the daughter of John and Miriam (Honeyfield) Goddert, both born in England. Mrs. Kelly was born December 9, 1861, in England and was two years old when her parents came to this country.

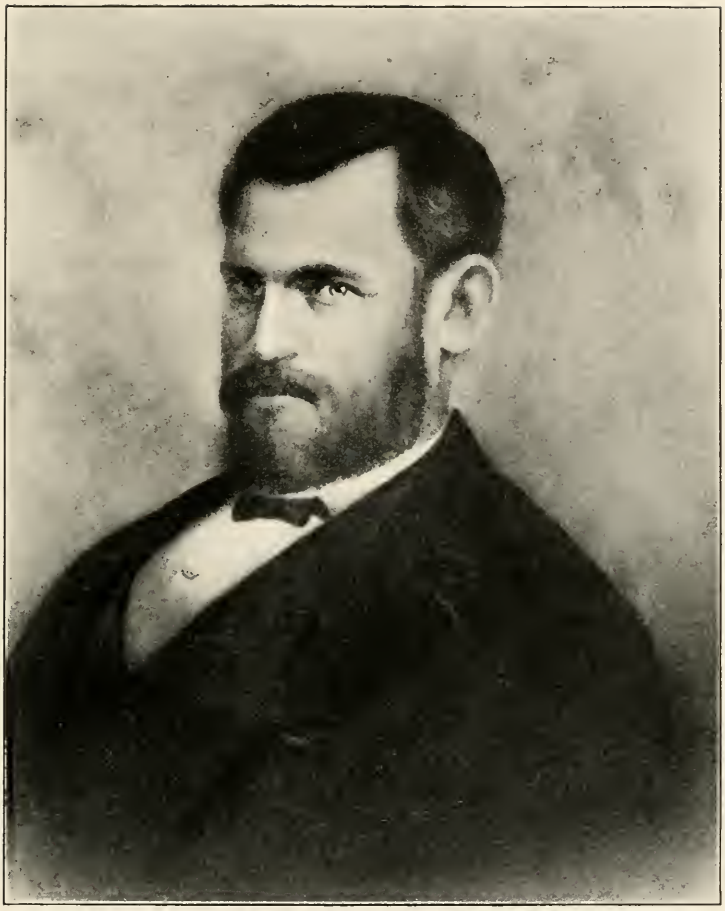
Mr. Goddert and family came to Iowa and settled in Floyd county and started farming. He farmed about fifteen years and then came to Clinton and started in the grocery business in Chancy, a suburb of Clinton. He was postmaster of that place at the time of his death in 1896, and his wife is still holding the position. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, in order of birth as follows: Earl B., born May 10, 1895; Claud E., born October 10, 1896; Helen I., born March 23, 1903; Marvin L., November 25, 1905; Fern O., August 7, 1907.

JOHN B. WATKINS.

Although John B. Watkins has long been sleeping the sleep of the just, he is well remembered by those who were his associates, for he was a man of fine personality and the thousand little acts of kindness accredited to him cannot soon be forgotten, his memory being cherished and revered, as it should, by those who have survived him. He was for many years very prominent in railroad circles of Clinton county and eastern Iowa.

John Burton Watkins was a native of the state of New York, the son of John Watkins, and was born November 7, 1830. He came to Detroit, Michigan, with his parents when a small boy, and when a young man went to Chicago and began his successful railroad career in the transportation service of the Michigan Central railroad. Later he became the station agent of the Burlington railroad at Aurora, Illinois, and from there he was transferred to Brookfield, Missouri, in like capacity.

Mr. Watkins came to Clinton county in August, 1866, first as station agent and then as master of transportation for the Northwestern railroad, which position he occupied, giving his usual high grade service until 1868, when he was promoted to assistant superintendent of the East Iowa line of this road. He continued in this capacity until the spring of 1871, when he was promoted to the position of superintendent of all the lines operated by the Northwestern railroad in this state, and at the time of his death was holding this position. By his able and judicious management he had attracted the admiration of railroad men in the state and won the hearty commendation of all concerned, demonstrating his rare executive ability all along the line.



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Mr. Watkins met death in a tragic manner on October 30, 1873, near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, having been killed while on a passenger train with other officials of the road, a freight train crashing into the former. He was buried at Aurora, Illinois, where the Watkins family had long resided. He is remembered as a man of remarkable kindness in social intercourse and made friends of all with whom he came into contact. During the war of the Rebellion he was loyal to the Union and served in the Eighty-ninth Illinois Regiment, Company E.

Mr. Watkins was married in Dubuque, Iowa, to Miss Louise Willis, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 16, 1837, a daughter of George and Harriet (Carpenter) Willis. Of the eight children born to them, five are living, viz: James F., of Chicago; John B., of South Omaha, Nebraska; Charles V., of Cloqueta, Wisconsin; Willis W., of Menomonie, Wisconsin, and Harriett, who is at home.

MARTIN DOLAN.

A descendant of an honored and prominent pioneer family of Clinton county and a man of great influence in local financial and industrial circles is Martin Dolan, vice-president of the Charlotte Savings Bank, a man in whom there is a union of such commendable attributes that it is safe to say he would wrest success from whatever line of endeavor to which he might turn his attention. Like other leaders of our citizenship here, Mr. Dolan comes to us from the old Empire state, having been born at Utica, New York, November 1, 1852. He was reared to farm pursuits and received a good exemplary education in the district schools. He is the son of John and Catherine (Murphy) Dolan, both natives of Ireland, where they grew to maturity and were married, coming to America soon afterward, landing at New York; after stopping a while at Utica and other places, he came to Iowa in 1853 and entered a small tract of land in Washington township, Clinton county, later buying more land and making a permanent settlement, and as he was able he continued to add to his land until he became the owner of eleven hundred acres. He started his place with the usual difficulties incident to life in a new country, but he developed an excellent farm from the raw prairie, being a hard worker and a good manager, and he always kept a large acreage in a high state of cultivation, making elaborate and substantial improvements, having one of the largest

and best improved farms in the county, finally reaching the goal of his ambitions in the farming line. He took a great interest in educating his children. In later life he relaxed somewhat from the hard toil of his earlier years. He was always an extensive stock raiser and often bought stock to make up car loads and would feed them out for the market and ship them to Chicago. As soon as his son, Martin, was old enough he gave him charge of the stock shipping, and he assisted his father, in fact, in all branches of his extensive operations.

When John Dolan first came to this county he found a wild country, sparsely settled, where much game abounded. His nearest trading point was Lyons, that being before the days of Clinton. He also did much of his trading at Camanche. There were but a few houses between his place and Lyons and he felt the lack of good roads and many other things such as we of today enjoy, but he was a man of sterling characteristics and nothing daunted him, and he became prominent as a farmer and stock man, being influential and highly respected throughout the locality. He liked to relate reminiscences of the early days when he did his milling at the old historic mill at Hauntown on the Elk river. Wheat often sold as low as forty cents per bushel, pork three dollars per one hundred pounds; later he received as high as thirteen dollars and fifty cents per one hundred pounds for his pork. He was a keen observer and kept well posted. He was a highly educated man, having attended good schools in his native land, and he could read and write the Gaelic language. He was a business man of more than ordinary ability and he did a noble work in starting the physical and moral development of the county and in laying the foundations for good government, and no man is worthier of a place in the history of Clinton county than he. Politically, Mr. Dolan was a strong Democrat and he never failed to vote; he always endeavored to use his influence to get good men on the ticket, but never aspired to political office himself. He was a good mixer and had a host of friends. He was charitable to the needy and a good friend of the afflicted and homeless. His integrity and honor were above reproach. He was a loyal member of the Catholic church and he brought up his children in that faith and they are devoted to the mother church, three daughters having become sisters and are devoting their lives to the church.

Patrick Murphy, father of Catherine Murphy, wife of John Dolan, was for the market. He was a plain, quiet home man, a worthy member of the a native of Ireland, where he married and from which country he emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1853, where he bought raw land and improved a good farm, becoming prominent as a general farmer and stock raiser, feeding cattle

Catholic church. He spent the rest of his life in this county. In his family were six children, the mother of Martin Dolan, of this review, being the second in order of birth.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Dolan, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Martin, of this review; Thomas, Catherine; Mary, Sister Genivieve, of Washington, D. C.; Ann, Sister Angelica, of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin; Sarah, Sister Josepha, at Rockwell, Iowa; Eliza, Michael, Jane, Theresa and Eva. The mother of these children, a woman of beautiful traits, passed to her rest in 1889, and the father in 1897.

Martin Dolan, the son, was a small child when he was brought to this county by his parents. He remained under his parental roof, assisting with the general work about the place and attending the district schools until his marriage, when he took up farming for himself and engaged in general farming and stock raising, carrying forward the work inaugurated by his father. He bought, fed and shipped large numbers of cattle, hogs and other live stock at all seasons, continuing to give his attention almost exclusively to general farming, stock raising and shipping and has been very successful and ranks with the leading business men and citizens of his community. At the late reorganizing of the Charlotte Savings Bank he bought stock and was made vice-president at the meeting of the first directory, having assisted in the organization; he is also a director in this institution and he has continued to hold these positions, discharging his duties in a manner that reflects much credit upon his ability and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is president of the Woodmen Association, which is working for the general advancement of the town of Charlotte. They have erected a substantial brick house, the lower floor being occupied by the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank and the upper floor by the Woodmen lodge. Mr. Dolan is a member of the Woodmen of American and also the Knights of Columbia. He was reared in the Catholic church and has adhered to that faith tenaciously. Politically, he is loyal to the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of county supervisor by appointment; in fact, he has filled all township offices and for the past twenty-three years he has been treasurer of the school board, which office he yet holds. He is a strong worker in the party and all the positions of trust he has been called upon to fill he has discharged in a most faithful manner, reflecting credit upon himself and giving general satisfaction. He keeps well advised on all current matters. He has been very successful in all relations with the business world and is an excellent financier, by nature an organizer and promoter, a man of sound judgment and scrupulously honest.

Martin Dolan was married to Ellen Burk, who was born in Clinton county,

Iowa, September 17, 1860, the daughter of a prominent and highly respected family and she herself a lady of refinement and many strong characteristics. She is the daughter of Patrick Burk, a native of Ireland and an early settler in Clinton county, where he improved a good farm and carried on general farming and stock raising and became prominent in his community. He was a Democrat, but led a quiet life, never aspiring to public office. He was a worthy member of the Catholic church, and in his family were eleven children, Ellen, wife of the subject, being the fourth in order of birth. There were eighteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dolan, thirteen of whom are still living, all well educated and well established in life. They are, Gertrude, a school teacher; John is farming in Cavour, South Dakota; Regina, a Sister, is located at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jerome is farming in this county; Oswald is farming in Washington township, Iowa; Benaditti and Martin are at home; Patrick is attending school at Dubuque, Iowa; Thomas is also living in Dubuque; Theresa is at home; Justin, Benita and Cyrella are all at home.

Martin Dolan started on a tour of Europe in the spring of 1910, visiting England, and Ireland, the land of his ancestors, making a thorough tour of that country, her places of historic interest and renown, old churches, the tombs of many of her famous early leaders, great monuments, beautiful lakes, the homesteads of his forebears, his trip not only resulting in a great deal of pleasure but profit in an intellectual way also, and his diary, which he kept all during his sojourn abroad, is very interesting and instructive.

Mr. Dolan is planning to retire from the farm to Charlotte, where he erected in 1910 a modernly equipped, commodious, attractive and, in fact, one of the finest residences in this part of the county. This is one of the best known and most highly respected families in Clinton county and its several members are in every way deserving of the high esteem in which they have always been held.

ALBERT H. STUEDEMANN.

In looking over the long list of enterprising German and German-American citizens in Clinton county, Iowa, the name of Albert H. Stuedemann, of Center township, is soon met with, he being of the second generation in this country, and the manner in which he is conducting his affairs on his fine farm indicates that he is deserving of a place among the thriftiest. He was born in this county on December 7, 1856, and he is the son of Frederick and Frederika (Koepke) Stuedemann, natives of Germany who came to America

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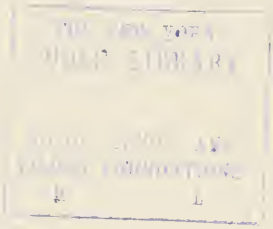

in 1854. They were the parents of two children, Albert H., of this review, and Ida, now Mrs. L. A. Pohlman. The father of these children was born on May 1, 1824, and was reared and educated in the fatherland. Upon coming to America he located in Clinton county and established a good home here; his death occurred on August 27, 1867. His wife, who was born on February 17, 1832, survived him thirty-nine years, dying on November 24, 1906. They were married on May 24, 1854.

Albert H. Stuedemann received the advantages of an excellent education in the common schools. He was married on July 2, 1879, to Mary Grantz, who was born on September 29, 1856, the daughter of John and Elsabea Grantz, who were natives of Germany and who came to America about 1854, locating in Clinton county, Iowa. Mrs. Stuedemann was born in Clinton. She is one of a family of seven children, of whom she has two brothers and three sisters living. Mrs. Stuedemann's parents were both born and raised in Germany, and came over after they were married, and came to Clinton county and went to farming.

Mr. Stuedemann purchased the old home place and has continued to live on the same, making very extensive improvements and he has been a very successful farmer and stock raiser, everything about his place denoting that he is a man of good management and believes in keeping fully abreast of the times. He is regarded as one of the successful farmers and business men of his township, in fact he is one of the leading agriculturists of Clinton county and his farm is one of the model places of this locality. He has added to his original purchase until he now has a place of four hundred acres, of fine, tillable land, in his home farm, besides a large tract of land he purchased in Arkansas, where two of his sons are engaged in farming, making a specialty of raising rice, making a success there.

The subject is widely known as a successful feeder and raiser of Shorthorn cattle and draft horses, also blooded mares. Of such superior grade is his live stock that he finds a very ready sale for all that he places on the market.

Mr. Stuedemann has long taken an abiding interest in political affairs and he is regarded as one of the local leaders in the Democratic party, his advice and counsel being often sought in campaigns and local matters. He has served his county in a very creditable and acceptable manner as supervisor for two terms, his last term of office having only recently expired. He and his family are faithful members of the Lutheran church.

Nine interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stuedemann, namely: Anther, born February 24, 1882; Bernhart, born October 12, 1884;

Ida, born April 3, 1886; Fred, born September 27, 1887; Alfred, born November 3, 1889; Edward, born June 27, 1891; Grover and Elsie (twins), born June 16, 1894; Lydia, born July 23, 1897.

No family stands higher in the esteem of their neighbors and in all circles in the community than this and they are influential and people whom it is a pleasure to know. Mr. Stuedemann and his sons are very successful raisers of rice. In 1910 Mr. Stuedemann and son raised eleven thousand bushels of rice, on one hundred and forty-five acres of land in Arkansas and sold the same at one dollar and two cents per bushel. Fraternally, Mr. Stuedemann is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

EDWIN W. MILLER.

The old-fashioned notion that hard work, patient industry and farsightedness make for success in the various avenues of life does not seem to be accepted so unreservedly in our day. The spread of pessimism engendered by many phases of our complex life is in a great measure responsible for the lack of faith in the old idea. However, if we observe conditions closely we will find that the intelligent individual, who leads a practical and industrious life, will reach a point of success commensurate with his efforts. The life of Edwin W. Miller, noted as a dealer in fresh water pearls at Camanche, Iowa, is an instance of this.

Mr. Miller was born September 26, 1873, in Clinton county, Iowa, the scion of one of the sterling old families of this locality, being the son of Marquis and Hannah (Simmons) Miller, natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married. From that country they emigrated to the United States in 1852 and settled in Clinton county, Iowa, purchasing a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township, where he established a good home and reared his family of fifteen children, of whom ten are now living. In 1865 the elder Miller moved his family to Camanche and engaged in the saw-mill business. His death occurred on July 28, 1886, at the age of sixty-two years. This was also the age attained by his wife, who, however, survived him until March 17, 1901.

Edwin W. Miller, of this review, was reared to manhood and during his boyhood he received a good common school education and remained at home until reaching maturity. On November 2, 1904, he was married to Alta Grace Hugunin, the accomplished daughter of Charles and Kate (Sweeney)

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Hugunin, an excellent old family of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller began their married life in their present home, a beautiful and neatly kept cottage in Camanche. For a number of years Mr. Miller has been successfully engaged in the business of buying and selling pearls, being well known in this industry. He turns in excess of one hundred thousand dollars annually in his business.

Mr. Miller is a highly respected citizen of this township, and he takes considerable interest in the affairs of his community. He served the town of Camanche as alderman for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Modern Brotherhood. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and he is an attendant and liberal contributor to the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two sons, McClelland, born December 10, 1907, and Edward, born January 29, 1910. Personally, Mr. Miller is a very pleasant gentleman, fair and straightforward in all his dealings with his fellow men, and he and his wife are esteemed in all circles for their cordiality and genial natures.

CHARLES V. MILLER.

Although his opportunities to procure the thorough education for which he yearned were limited and his early environment none too auspicious, Charles V. Miller, widely known as a pearl dealer, with his place of business at Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, has been exceptionally successful in the battle of life, being today known as one of the substantial citizens of his township. His entire career has been characerized by industry and determination to overcome all obstacles in his efforts to make his way in the world.

Mr. Miller was born February 14, 1867, in Clinton county, Iowa, and he is the son of Marquis and Hannah (Simmons) Miller, who were natives of Germany. The mother came to this country when five years old. The father was educated in Germany. They were married in Buffalo, New York. They came to America about 1852 and went to Kane county, Illinois, and from there came to Clinton county, Iowa, buying one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township He developed the place and made a good home there. In 1866 he moved to Camanche and worked at the saw-mill business. His death occurred on July 28, 1886, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife died March 17, 1901, also at the age of sixty-two years. They are both buried at Camanche. Fifteen children were born to them, ten of whom are living.

Charles V. Miller, of this review, received a common school education and grew to maturity in this county. He has been twice married. To the first union were born a son and a daughter, Harriet S., born May 18, 1891, and Benjamin J., born April 1, 1894. On May 19, 1903, Mr. Miller was again married, his last wife being Mrs. Lucy Harmon, who was the adopted daughter of Robert Hogle, of this county, and who was a well known politician, and was elected sheriff of Clinton county by the Republicans, in which party he was very active. By her first marriage Mrs. Miller became the mother of two children, Robert and Burton Harmon. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Lola M., a bright and beautiful little girl, born November 5, 1907.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller have lived in Camanche. In May, 1908, they built a modern residence with every late convenience, and this is one of the best and most attractive homes in the town.

Mr. Miller has engaged in the fresh water pearl industry for a number of years, classified as pearls, slugs and nuggets, of which he has made a success, turning many thousands of dollars annually in the pearl trade among the pearl merchants of Camanche. He has always manifested excellent business judgment and is a persistent worker, consequently he has made a success of his life work and at the same time won and held the confidence and good will of a host of friends.

JOHN C. BRANDENBURG.

The subject of this sketch has been a life-long resident of Clinton county, and, having borne a manly part in developing the resources of the township in which he resides and contributed to the social and moral uplift of the community, it is with much satisfaction that the following brief review of his career is accorded a place in these pages. The Brandenburg family came from Germany and was first represented in the United States by the subject's grandparents, Fritz and Marie Brandenburg, natives of Pomerania, who crossed the Atlantic a number of years ago, and settled in Clinton county, Iowa, locating near the town of Andover, where one of their sons had previously settled. He died in 1908, being survived by his wife, who lived in Hampshire township and died February 23, 1911. Fritz Brandenburg, Jr., the subject's father, also a native of Germany, married, in the fatherland, a Miss Wall, and later came to America, proceeding direct from New York City to Clinton county, Iowa, and settling in Elk River township, where he supported his family for some time by daily labor. In a few years he bought eighty acres of land in the

MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. BRANDENBURG

township of Hampshire, which he developed and otherwise improved, and it was not long until he had a good farm and comfortable home, which he and his faithful wife still occupy. Mr. Brandenburg is a quiet, law-abiding citizen who lives at peace with his neighbors, attends strictly to his own interests, and wields an influence for good in the community. As a farmer he has been reasonably successful and is now in comfortable circumstances, with a sufficiency of this world's goods in his possession to render him free from care. All of his four children are living and highly esteemed in their respective places of abode.

John C. Brandenburg is a native of Hampshire township, and dates his birth from November 1, 1884, having first seen the light of day not far from the place where he now lives. He was reared to habits of industry, early learned by practical experience the true meaning of honest toil, and as soon as his services could be utilized he bore his full share in the cultivation of the farm. He attended the public schools during his childhood and youth and in early manhood began life for himself as a tiller of the soil. Since 1907 he has had charge of the home farm and his success in the interim has been marked and continuous. He devotes his attention to general agriculture and the raising of improved breeds of live stock, uses improved machinery and modern methods in his work, and has so managed his affairs that he is now on the high-road to prosperity and fortune.

Although a young man, Mr. Brandenburg has become a factor of considerable influence in his township, not only as a farmer, but as an intelligent, wide-awake citizen, who believes in progress and bends all of his energies in the direction of the same. He aids, to the extent of his ability, all enterprises for the advancement of the community and the general good of his fellowmen, stands for law and order, and gives his influence to what he considers the right side of every moral question. He is a Democrat in politics, but has no ambition for office or any kind of public distinction; his religious creed is represented by the Lutheran church.

Mr. Brandenburg was happily married on the 18th of March, 1908, to Clara Fangers, the union resulting in the birth of two children, Marvin, who died in infancy, and Raymond, born August 26, 1910. Mrs. Brandenburg is also a Lutheran in belief and a faithful and devoted member of the local church to which she belongs. She is a woman of excellent character and reputation, a true helpmeet who enters heartily into all of her husband's plans and co-operates with him in carrying them to completion. Both husband and wife are esteemed very highly by their neighbors and friends, and, being in the prime of life and full of hope, it is eminently fitting to predict for them a future of great promise and usefulness.

GEORGE MAC MILLER.

One of the progressive citizens of Camanche township, Clinton county, who is eminently deserving of the high esteem in which he is held and of the large success he has attained is George Mac Miller, who was born February 11, 1863, in this county. He is the son of Marquis and Hannah (Simmons) Miller, who were natives of Germany, from which country they came to the United States when young and were married here. They came to Clinton county Iowa, about 1852 and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township. In 1865 Mr. Miller sold his farm, taking in part payment property in Camanche where he moved his family and engaged in the saw-mill business. The father died on July 28, 1886, at the age of sixty-two years; the mother died March 17, 1901, also in her sixty-second year. They were both buried at Camanche cemetery. Politically Marquis Miller was a Democrat and he was a member of the Lutheran church and his wife of the Methodist church. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom ten are living, namely: Sophia, now Mrs. Owens; Hannah, now Mrs. Weltep; George Mac, of this review; Jennie, now Mrs. Skiff; Lillie, now Mrs. Swarm; Charles; Emma, now Mrs. Gice; May, now Mrs. Lowe; Benjamin and Eddie; those deceased are, Andrew, Mrs. Carrie White, Marquis, Oxford and one who died in infancy, unnamed.

George Mac Miller received a good common school education, and on May 8, 1886, he was married to Emma Byers, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Shannon) Byers, of Albany, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Miller began their married life at Camanche. In 1887 they moved into their present home, which they built; they have in many ways improved their property, having one of the best residences in town. Mrs. Miller's father was in the Union army for three years, a member of Company F, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged on account of sickness before the war was over. Mr. Miller has been engaged for a number of years in the pearl industry, for which Camanche is noted, also for her clam business. He has been very successful in this line of business. He is also a dealer in furs. He annually handles many thousands of dollars and is a well known and successful business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, also of the Modern Brotherhood. In politics he is a Democrat.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, namely: Georgia M., now Mrs Gordon, was born on December 5, 1888, and she is a graduate

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of the Camanche schools, also of the art school of Clinton; Winnie L., born December 2, 1890, is a graduate of the Camanche schools and she is attending the Clinton schools, having had two years in music; Harold was born October 22, 1896, and died June 2, 1897; Virginia B., born May 27, 1898, is attending the Camanche high school, and she is also taking music lessons. Upon the death of her mother Alice Georgia Blakely was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and reared by them from the time she was two years old. She was born on February 19, 1903, and she is cared for with all the tenderness shown their own children. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are very pleasant people and their beautiful home is known as a place of hospitality to their many friends and admirers.

THOMAS FARRELL.

The name of Thomas Farrell has for more than a quarter of a century been a very familiar one in Deep Creek township, of which he has been trustee for thirty years, and he has long been prominently identified with farming and business interests. He has done much for the general development of his community, for which he has the hearty thanks of all citizens. Mr. Farrell was born in county Cavin, Ireland, November 18, 1848, and was brought to America by his parents when about one year old, and was reared and educated here. He is the son of Martin and Mary (Terney) Farrell, both of Ireland, where they were married and settled to farming, and in 1849 emigrated to America and first located in Ohio, remaining there four years on rented farms. About 1853 they came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land, raw prairie, which he improved and farmed. He was short of money and had to work hard and use economy to keep his family together. He later added to his land and owned at one time six hundred acres, which he later divided among his sons. At first he had to go to Iowa City for his milling, a long distance, and there were many other inconveniences, too numerous to mention, which he found in the undeveloped country. With others that came to the new land, he underwent many deprivations and hardships which fell to their lot, and with those that came first started the moral and physical development of the county and helped lay the foundation for good government. He was a strong Democrat, but was no office seeker. He was a constant and worthy member of the Catholic church. He was a general farmer and raised some stock, remaining at the old home until death claimed him. He was well known and highly respected and his integrity and

honor above reproach. His wife survived him two years and died in 1901. Mrs. Farrell's father, Thomas Turney, settled with his son. He reared six children, and the mother of the subject was the second daughter.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Farrell ten children. All lived to maturity and all married but James and John, both yet single; Richard died in this township; Bridget became Mrs. Thomas Manning, and she died, leaving five sons; Thomas, the subject; Peter died, leaving a large family, four sons and four daughters; Ann J., who became the wife of Timothy Crennen, died in Minnesota, and left seven children; Marie is now Mrs. Laughlin, of Bryant; Catherine, Mrs. Hand, of this county; James is farming on the homestead; John is in the creamery business in Goose Lake; Martin is a farmer in this township.

Thomas Farrell was born in the old country and was reared in Ohio and Iowa, and he remained under the parental roof until he married, in 1876, then settled to farming in Washington township. He later moved to his vacant land inherited from his father, which he improved in cultivation and where he yet resides on one hundred and sixty acres, to which he has added adjoining land of forty acres; another survey of one hundred and sixty acres he bought in 1901, an improved farm which he rents to his son. He has done general farming and raised all kinds of stock except mules and has been very successful. He has now retired from active farming and rents the farm to two sons, Joe and Ellis, and anticipates retiring to Lyons. He has always supported the Democratic party and has filled many township and school offices. He was elected trustee in 1879, and has been elected continuously since, but has now dropped out to let some younger man take hold of the work. He has filled all positions creditably to himself and satisfactorily to the people. He also holds a position on the church committee. He was reared in the Catholic church, from which faith he has never departed. He is well known and highly respected.

Thomas Farrell married Julia Crowe, who was born in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, February 6, 1857, a worthy wife and good helpmate. She is the daughter of Michael and Bridget (Laughlin) Crowe, both from Ireland, who first settled in Wisconsin, he a wagonmaker and blacksmith, which trade he followed through active life and died in Wisconsin in the prime of manhood, about thirty-eight years old. His wife survived and came to Clinton county, Iowa, and later married James Sullivan, a farmer near Bryant, who has retired to Lyons. Three sons and four daughters were born to her last marriage. There was one daughter by the Crowe marriage,

the wife of the subject. Her parents and family are all members of the Catholic church. Mr. Sullivan is also a Catholic.

Thomas Farrell and wife are the parents of seven children, namely: James P. is yet single and he is a farmer; Joseph is single and a farmer; Mary died at the age of ten years and eleven months; Winifred is the wife of Gust Thiesen, a prominent farmer; Elliott, Julia and Blanche are all at home.

LEWIS RUGGEBERG.

The subject of this review was born in Clinton county, Iowa, two miles south of Elwood, on the 18th of May, 1866, and is a son of Julius H. and Lizette (Metberg) Ruggeberg, natives of Westphalia, Germany. In 1853, Julius H. Ruggeberg and family immigrated to America and spent the ensuing five years in Le Clair, Scott county, Iowa, where for some time he supported himself and those dependent upon him by daily labor, later renting a farm in the vicinity of the town. At the expiration of the period indicated he moved to Clinton county and purchased forty acres of land in Brookfield township where he lived for eight years, when he sold the place and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres two miles south of Elwood. From 1858, the year of his arrival in Clinton county, dates his success as a farmer and land owner. He was soon able to add to his real estate and by judicious investments from time to time finally became the owner of eight hundred acres of fine land, all in Clinton county, except one hundred and sixty acres, which he bought in the county of Jackson.

Mr. Ruggeberg was a man of patriotic impulses, a great lover of the Union and while the Civil war was in progress was unremitting in his efforts to induce young men to enlist, besides in various other ways upholding the honor of his adopted country. Previous to his retirement, he rented his lands to his children, and later sold out to them on easy payments, the subject of this sketch purchasing the one hundred and sixty acres in Brookfield township, upon which he now lives. Mrs. Ruggeberg died on the 28th of June, 1899. Since discontinuing active work, Mr. Ruggeberg has been living a retired life at Lost Nation, where, surrounded by his friends, he is spending his closing years in the enjoyment of the results of his many years of successful effort. Of the nine children born to this estimable couple, three survive and are among the highly respected people of their respective communities.

Lewis Ruggeberg was reared to agricultural pursuits and received his education in the district schools of Brookfield township. He early matured his plans for the future and with rare tenacity has carried out the same, being at this time one of the leading farmers of Brookfield township, and as a citizen occupies a large place in the public view. As already stated, he purchased of his father the fine farm on which he now lives and which, under his effective labors and excellent management, has been greatly improved, and is today one of the most valuable places of its area in the county, besides affording the owner a model rural home in which few features are lacking. Mr. Ruggeberg pursues sound practical intelligence, prosecutes his labors according to the most approved modern methods and believes in the honor and dignity of his calling. He has been more than ordinarily successful as a general farmer and raiser of fine breeds of live stock, is a good manager and has so conducted his affairs as to no longer be obliged to apply himself to hard work, being in independent circumstances with an ample competence laid up for the future.

In politics Mr. Ruggeberg is a Republican and an ardent supporter of his party and its candidates. He has been honored by the voters of his township with various positions of trust, including those of assessor, in which he served four years, trustee four years and several terms as clerk of school board, in all of which offices he discharged his duties faithfully and well.

On February 28, 1894, Mr. Ruggeberg was happily married to Rosetta A. Hansell, of Clinton county, Iowa, daughter of David G. and Amanda E. Hansell, who moved to this county in 1868 from Illinois and to the latter state as early as 1840. Mrs. Hansell, whose maiden name was Amanda E. Morris, was descended from one of the Pilgrims who came over in the "Mayflower"; her father was a Scotchman and a veteran of the late Civil war, in which he served with distinction as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggeberg have had four children, namely: Alma Bernice, Marvin R., Wilma and one, the third in order of birth, that died in infancy.

CHARLES E. ROSCOE.

The fact that Charles E. Roscoe, of Camanche, Clinton county, has spent his life in this community, having lived through the various epochs from the days of the pioneer to the opulent present and taken part in it all or at least

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a keen observer of each gradation is enough to entitle him to a place in this history; but there are other reasons, among which is the fact that his life has always been led along upright and conservative lines and that he is the representative of a highly honored old family, well known in the eastern part of the county.

Mr. Roscoe was born in this county, December 12, 1846, and he is the son of Boughton and Mary (Washburn) Roscoe. The father was a native of New York state, from which state he came to Ohio in an early day, locating there. After remaining in the Buckeye state a few years he, in the spring of 1846, settled in Clinton county, Iowa, obtaining three hundred and twenty acres in Camanche township, purchasing a claim here, which had some improvements on it. He had a very good farm and comfortable home in due course of time and devoted his attention to general farming and stock raising. He was one of the territorial settlers in this county. He was highly respected and well known among the early settlers. The date of his birth was January, 1806, and his death occurred June 9, 1892; his wife was born June 13, 1806, and her death occurred February 28, 1886. They were the parents of seven children, of whom three are living, Wallace, W. H., of Humboldt county, California; Samantha (deceased); Eliza (deceased); John B., of Pueblo, Colorado; and Charles E., of this review.

The subject of this sketch received a common school education in the schools of his neighborhood which he attended during the winter months, working on the home farm in the summer time. On October 15, 1870, he was married to Cynthia Leach, daughter of Hiram and Edith (How) Leach, of this county. Her parents were natives of New York state, and they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862, locating in Camanche where he was engaged as an oculist. He was located a few years at Fulton, Illinois, in the same line of work and was very capable and popular in his calling. His death occurred on May 9, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe began their married life in Nebraska and after a residence of two years and six months there they came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1872. Their first purchase of land was a forty-acre farm. They later added to this as they prospered until they now have a fine farm of two hundred acres, most of which is well improved. Mr. Roscoe has placed substantial and convenient buildings on his place and farming and stock raising have occupied his attention. He raises a good grade of stock and feeds for the market. He is regarded as a very successful farmer and business man. He has served his township as trustee and assessor. He is a public spirited, well read man, a leader in local affairs. Often disputes arising in his neigh-

borhood are left for him to arbitrate. He has the undivided confidence of his neighbors and friends, being regarded by them as strictly honest and upright in all his dealings. In 1905 he rented his farm and moved to Camanche, purchasing good property here, but while he is living practically retired, he spends much of his time looking after his farm work. He has served as street commissioner of Camanche. Politically, he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and he is a deacon in the same.

One son, Ivan B., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe, on November 5, 1874. He has remained unmarried, received a good education and is an excellent business man, being engaged in the telephone business at Pendleton, Oregon, holding a very responsible position there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe took her sister's child, Hope Wilson, when three days old, now an estimable young lady who makes her home with them. She was born January 18, 1885, and was educated in the local schools.

MADISON L. CHRISTIAN.

The prosperity and substantial welfare of a city are in a large measure due to the enterprise and wise foresight of its business men. It is progressive, wide-awake men of affairs that make the real history of a community, and their influence in shaping and directing its varied interests is difficult to estimate. The well known gentleman of whom the biographer writes in this connection has long ranked among the leading business men of Clinton, and it is to such enterprising spirits as he that the city is indebted for its recent substantial growth and for the high position it occupies as a center of industrial activity and progress.

Madison L. Christian, superintendent of the American Wire Cloth Company, is the scion of an excellent and well established old Southern family, his birth having occurred at Cloverport, Kentucky, on February 4, 1865, and he is the son of Dr. John F. and Sarah E. (Newman) Christian. The latter's grandfather, Col. Edmond Newman, was a prominent officer in the American Revolution under Washington. They were of an old Virginia family, and the Colonel himself came to Kentucky shortly after the Revolutionary war. He brought the family with him and they invaded the wilds of that early day when "the dark and bloody ground" was still the haunt of the red man and wild beast. The Colonel's son, Obadiah Newman, was the grandfather of Madison L. Christian, of this review. As intimated, the entire family came

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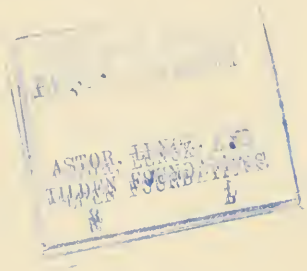
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west together and there the Colonel spent the rest of his life and is buried in the Blue Grass state, and his monument bears the inscription, "A colonel under George Washington and a Mason." All members of this family except the mother died in Kentucky.

The subject's grandparents on both his father and mother's side were also natives of Virginia, from which state they came to Kentucky when Louisville was a village. Doctor and Mrs. John F. Christian were married in Kentucky, and there the Doctor successfully followed his profession until his death in 1878. He was an influential and highly esteemed man and eminent physician in the early days of Kentucky. His widow is still living in Clinton at the advanced age of eighty-two years. She is a woman of gracious personality and has a host of warm personal friends here and in her old home. Five children were born to the Doctor and wife, two of whom died in infancy, and one daughter died in young womanhood. One son lives in Nebraska, engaged in the ministry of the Baptist church, the Rev. Samuel O. Christian. The father was a prominent politician in Kentucky and was well known as an orator, and many of the "old-timers" there still speak of his influence during campaigns, and especially of his great speech in introducing Humphrey Marshall. Among the schoolmates of the Doctor's wife were Gen. Eli Murray, once governor of Utah; ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri; and other men who became prominent. The Doctor was a believer in the rights of the South, but also in preserving the Union. A brother of the Doctor's wife was a soldier in the Confederate army and was a member of the famous "Orphans' Brigade," and he died in prison at Alton, Illinois.

Madison L. Christian was educated in the country schools of Highlands, Kentucky, just across the river from Cincinnati, Ohio, where Fort Thomas is now located. After passing through the common school, he went to work in a rolling mill at the age of fifteen years. His father had died when he was but thirteen years old and it became necessary for him to start out in life at a tender age. After working several years there, he served an apprenticeship as a pattern maker and then as a machinist, afterwards becoming foreman of the shop in which he had served as apprentice. He later entered the Fred J. Myers shop at Covington, Kentucky, later of Hamilton, Ohio, as foreman of the machine shop, and remained there fifteen years as foreman and master mechanic, leaving this establishment in 1901 for the purpose of coming west to put in a novelty plant at Dixon, Illinois, with the Reynolds Wire Company, for the manufacture of sifters, corn-poppers, etc. He remained with this company for two years as master mechanic. Upon leaving the same he entered the foundry and machine shop business at Cloverport, Kentucky, his

birthplace. After organizing the plant there and operating the same a short time, he was induced by Mr. Reynolds, who had organized the American Wire Cloth Company at Clinton, Iowa, to leave Cloverport, and install the machinery for the new company at Clinton, about March 1, 1904. He did so and, upon coming to Clinton, made the necessary drawings, patterns, etc., taking up his permanent residence here about April 1, 1904. He got out the first loom as a model in the little building known as Lamberson's carpenter shop, on the corner of Second and Oak streets. After the completion of the model loom they moved into the Produce building on Second street and Eighth avenue, where Walker's machine shop was located, the first sixty looms being built in that shop. By the time they were completed, in the fall of 1905, the new building had been finished and the company moved into new quarters opposite Howe street, between the Northwestern tracks and the river. At that time the output amounted to about three and one half million feet of wire cloth. The firm has had a rapid and continuous growth until during the year 1909 about ten million square feet were turned out, and during the year 1910 the figures reached about twelve million square feet. About one hundred people are employed at present, whereas at the start there were but thirty-five. The products are distributed mainly throughout the West, this being the farthest west of any wire cloth company. The trade is rapidly growing and the demand for these products, which seem to be of a much superior grade, is rapidly increasing. The first officers of the company were, C. F. Curtis, president; E. E. Reynolds, manager; Myron Gates, treasurer; James Peterson, secretary. The following year Mr. Peterson became president; Mr. Reynolds secretary, and L. Lamb, vice-president. The present officers are, H. W. Seaman, president; C. F. Curtis, vice-president; A. G. Smith, treasurer; F. B. Shaw, secretary. The present board of directors are C. F. Curtis, H. W. Seaman, L. Lamb, James Peterson, G. E. Lamb, C. F. Alden, A. G. Smith, L. E. Curtis and M. L. Christian. They are all well known business men of Clinton. Mr. Christian has been superintendent since September, 1907. Since Mr. Seaman was elected president in 1907, the company has had a remarkable growth, under his able management; and a good share of the credit should go to Mr. Christian, who understands every detail of the work he has in hand and who is a very capable handler of employees.

Mr. Christian is a Prohibitionist, and while living in Ohio he was a candidate on the state ticket for member of the board of public works and he ran the second highest, the ticket receiving some nine thousand votes. He has also taken considerable interest in local affairs since coming to Clinton. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also a member of the De Molay Consistory.

On January 29, 1894, Mr. Christian was married to Mrs. Sarah J. (Gosney) Crawford, a native of Kentucky and the daughter of M. F. and Sarah Gosney, old settlers of Kentucky and a well established and highly esteemed family. Mrs. Christian is a lady of refinement and stands high socially. This union has been blessed with five children, namely: Frances, who is a student in the Clinton high school; Madison L., Jr., and three who died in infancy.

CHARLES STIRES.

The name of Stires is one much respected in Eden township, Clinton county, on account of the worth and ability of those who have there borne it. Of sturdy German ancestry, the members of this family who have made this country their home have been among the most intelligent, the most useful, and the most successful of the residents of their community.

Charles Stires was born on January 1, 1865, in Clinton county, the son of Henry and Dora Stires, natives of Germany who came to Iowa about 1855 and in 1867 purchased the present Stires farm, then consisting of eighty acres. Henry Stires accumulated money and invested it in adjoining land, until at his death he owned three hundred and eighty acres. He followed the active work of farming and stock raising until an advanced age, when he purchased property in Clinton, where he resided for several years, and died at the age of seventy-five His wife is still living in Clinton, at the age of seventy-seven They were the parents of five children, of whom four are living, namely: Louise, now Mrs. Gerche, of Clinton; Rachel, Mrs. Otto, of Clinton; Frank, of Missouri, and Charles. William is deceased.

Charles Stires spent his boyhood with his father on the farm, received a common school education, and on February 7, 1894, was married to Mary Dann, the daughter of George and Sarah Dann, of this county, who emigrated here from England in 1855. They located first at Elvira, and later purchasing a one hundred and sixty-acre farm on section 6 of Eden township adjoining the present farm of Mr Stires. Her father died upon this farm at the age of sixty-five and her mother is now living at Low Moor at the age of fifty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Dann were the parents of eleven children, all living: Thomas, William, Mary (Mrs. Stires), George, Charles, Samuel, Edward, Arthur, Walter, Ellen (Mrs. Paulsen) and Benjamin H.

Mr. and Mrs. Stires began married life on their present farm, where they have continuously lived since. In 1893 their residence was destroyed by fire,

with most of its contents. A modern home was then erected on the same site, and many other substantial improvements have been made in the premises by Mr. Stires, who has recently had a great deal of cement work done. The water is supplied for domestic use and the tanks for his stock filled by the use of motor power, while the churning, washing, separating of cream and grinding of feed is accomplished by the same means. Mr. Stires is a hard working and successful farmer, his present farm consisting of over two hundred acres; he is a public spirited citizen and has done much to develop the community. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. He has two children, Clara, who was born on November 20, 1891, and Ralph McKinley, born on May 18, 1894. Clara is now attending the Clinton grammar school. It is such sterling citizens as Mr. Stires who make Clinton a great county in a great state.

ALDEN J. VAN EPPS.

Action, subtly planned and carefully carried out, is the keynote of the character of all who achieve success on this planet of ours. The successful life story of Alden J. Van Epps, a young and progressive farmer of Camanche township, Clinton county, is a case in point, being one of a determined struggle for a definite purpose.

Mr. Van Epps was born in this county on September 13, 1875, and is the son of Lewis B. and Sarah (Grohe) Van Epps. His father was a native of Montgomery county, New York, born there on December 1, 1850, and he came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855, when five years of age, with his parents, John V. and Catherine (Smith) Van Epps, who were among the most extensive land owners and prominent citizens of the early days here, John V. Van Epps having become the owner of fourteen hundred and fifty acres of land. He was a good manager, an excellent business man and was long one of the leading citizens of the county. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: Charles H., Margaret, John E., Lewis B., Alden, Sr., and Clarence. John V. Van Epps' parents, John and Elizabeth (Veder) Van Epps, were natives of the state of New York and they were married in April, 1834. The paternal great-grandparents came to America from Holland at an early day and settled in the state of New York, at Fultonville, occupying a part of the tract of land that they first located upon for many years, having received a patent from the English government, which consisted of eighteen hundred acres and which remained in the Van Epps family.

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The mother of Alden J. Van Epps was born in 1852 and she and Lewis B. Van Epps were married in Clinton county, Iowa, on November 25, 1873. They now live at Ames, Iowa, where they purchased property, having retired from their farm which they still own in Camanche township, this county, and which adjoins that of their son, Alden J., of this review. The father was a well known and successful farmer here and influential in the affairs of the community. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, of whom six are living, namely: Alden J.; Gertrude is the wife of E. C. Haga, of Minneapolis; Maud is the wife of George Peters, of Erie, Illinois; Catherine, Leroy, Echwold; Harold is deceased.

Alden J. Van Epps, of this review, received a good common school education, attending school at Valparaiso, Indiana, and Dixon, Illinois. He was married on February 17, 1897, to Mary I. Record, daughter of A. P. and Hannah (Dewey) Record, of Camanche township, this county, her parents being among the prominent early settlers of this locality, Mr. Record having served throughout the Civil war. Mrs. Van Epps has a good education and is a lady of refinement.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Epps began their married life on their own farm, which they sold one year later and purchased their present place, the homestead of his grandfather Veder, who was in his day a large land owner in this county, he having given all his children good homes. Mr. Van Epps is the owner of an excellent farm, comprising one-fourth section, on which he has made extensive improvements, the best, in fact, for he is progressive and believes in keeping abreast of the times in every respect. He has a substantial and attractive home, good outbuildings and everything about his place indicates thrift, prosperity, good judgment and that a gentleman of excellent taste has its management in hand. He is a very painstaking and industrious young farmer. He has one of the "show places" of the county, and it is a pleasure to look over his well-kept fields and neat, well arranged buildings. He is a lover of good live stock and a good judge of the same, and always keeps some excellent herds of various kinds which he feeds for the market and which, owing to their superior quality, find very ready and satisfactory sales.

Politically, Mr. Van Epps is a Republican, and he is an attendant and liberal contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member. They are the parents of one son, Lawrence, born on February 23, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Epps are prominent in their neighborhood and their pleasant home is often the gathering place for their numerous friends who always find here an old-fashioned hospitality.

HENRY GISE GALBRAITH.

Although deeply interested in business affairs, Henry Gise Galbraith, one of Clinton county's representative citizens, has not been unmindful of his duties to the public, being a careful observer of the trend of events and an active participant in those affairs that relate to his community. A progressive man of affairs in all that the term implies, he is in touch with the leading questions and issues of the times.

Mr. Galbraith was born in Montour county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1851, the son of Josiah and Mary Ann (Robison) Galbraith, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father of Scotch descent and the mother of Irish ancestry. They grew to maturity, were educated and married in their native state, and there Mr. Galbraith followed farming, for the most part, in his younger years. In 1854 he and his wife emigrated westward, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, and, being pleased with the prospect, soon bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lincoln township, and later bought another farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Ten years later he bought a third place, containing one hundred and twenty acres, adjoining the farm on which his son now lives. He gave his time entirely to farming and to his family. In a few years he sold his first one hundred and twenty acres, then bought eighty acres east of where his son, Henry G., now lives. Three years later he sold this eighty. Then he began dealing in city property in Clinton, continuing thus from 1888 until his death, in 1895. He was a very successful business man and was well liked by all who knew him. Mrs. Josiah Galbraith is still living. Fifteen children were born to them, seven of whom are living. While living in Pennsylvania, the father drilled a company of light cavalry prior to the Civil war. It was his duty to keep a certain division of the army supplied with horses, which he found or purchased. He was a loyal supporter of the government.

Henry G. Galbraith, of this review, was educated in the common schools and reared on the home farm and when very young he took up farming for a life work. In about 1885 he went to Nebraska, and bought one hundred and sixty-five acres, but did not live there. After keeping it about eighteen years he sold it and bought eighty acres, the first land his father bought in Iowa. He put modern improvements on the home farm, including a fine residence and a substantial barn. Inheriting one hundred acres, he now has a model farm of one hundred and eighty acres. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is very successful in each line of endeavor. Sometimes he rents his farm, all but sixty acres.

Politically, Mr. Galbraith is a Republican. He has been school director

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about seven years, then moved to Clinton where he resided four years, but upon his return here was again elected director. He has been president of the board six years.

In 1877 Mr. Galbraith was married to Libbie Kube, a native of Clinton, Iowa, and to this union four children were born, namely: Charles Hulen, who was killed in Nebraska; Bert, Gertrude and Emma. Mr. Galbraith was married on June 15, 1898, to Louise Hendricks, a native of Holland, and to this union four children have been born, Henry, Agnes, Wilhelmina and Josiah Robinson.

HANS EGGERS.

Prominent among the people of Elk River township, Clinton county, and a man of much influence among the German-American citizens of his community, stands Hans Eggers, who was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on August 7, 1843. He is the son of John and Christina (Hansen) Eggers, both natives of the same province of Germany, in which they spent their lives. They were members of the Lutheran church. Seven children were born to them: Christina, married John Youker; Margaret married John Hansen; Wiepke also married; Hans, Dora, Anna and Claus, who were also married. Of these, Hans is the only one living.

Hans Eggers grew up in a village, learned the shoemaker's trade and followed it until he was twenty-six years of age, when he came to America, landing in New York, and completing his journey to Clinton, Iowa, by rail, arriving there in March, 1869, with his wife and one daughter. At first he found such labor as he could, then removed to Jackson county, Iowa, where he bought a small tract of land, and built a home, continuing to live there until the death of his wife, on January 18, 1877. Then he sold his home and came to the neighborhood where he now resides, and for a time worked at his trade. He was again married in 1878. He is a man who takes much interest in public affairs, and is a Democrat in politics. Both he and his wife were reared in the Lutheran church, from which faith they have never departed. By his first marriage he became the father of one daughter, Christina, who died when two years old.

On July 2, 1878, Mr. Eggers was married to Mrs. Josephine Naeve, the widow of Peter Naeve, who died in April, 1877, leaving five children: Mary, now Mrs. Peter Reptner; August, a farmer; Frank, at home, a farmer; Caroline, who married J. A. Hagge; and John, a blacksmith, all of whom Mr.

Eggers helped to rear. Mrs. Eggers died on February 2, 1911, and is buried in Dierks cemetery.

Mrs. Eggers was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on September 16, 1848, the daughter of John and Mary (Horst) Reese, natives of Holstein province, Germany, who came to America in 1845, locating at Davenport, where Mr. Reese first found employment in a brick yard, shortly afterward as a farm hand, then bought a small farm, which he later sold and bought a large tract of land in Jackson county. This he improved and cultivated for some time, then, on account of his eyes failing so that he could not work on the farm, he divided it into small tracts and sold most of it, keeping a portion, on which he kept hired men employed, while he was engaged in the saloon business. Soon he sold all his land and, moving to Tama, bought an agricultural business, and, on age approaching, sold this and moved to Flat Rock, Iowa, where he lived in retirement from active life for five years. He then found a good home with Mr. Eggers and his wife, in whose house he died on September 15, 1897. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran. When he came to Iowa it was little settled, and he lived to see it become a great state and to bear his share in its development. Mr. Reese was well known and highly respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. His wife survived him and died at the home of her daughter on March 27, 1902. She was also a Lutheran. Her parents had died in the old country when she was very young, and she was reared by strangers.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese were the parents of nine children, three of whom died when young. The others are John, who died when sixteen; Josephine, the wife of Mr. Eggers; Dora, who married Detlef Week; Mary, the wife of Crist Henningsen; Henry, who owns and cultivates the old homestead; and Amelia, the wife of Frank Frahm. No children were born to Mr. Eggers' second marriage.

Mr. Eggers has many friends and is highly regarded in his community, of which he is a progressive and public-spirited member.

WILLIAM RATHIE.

From the far-away brakes and braes of bonny Scotland comes William Rathie, an honored citizen of Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where he is living retired after a life of strenuous endeavor, principally in connection with the agricultural interests of Clinton county, and he brought with him

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to our new western land all the courage, perseverance, fortitude and sterling integrity characteristic of the people of the land of Bruce and Burns, Wallace and Scott, consequently he has succeeded admirably well in the Hawkeye state.

Mr. Rathie was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, January 27, 1832, and he is the son of George and Margaret (Hoag) Rathie, natives of Scotland, where the mother died when William was a boy, he being the fourth of a family of five children who were, Mrs. Jennie Rutherford, who died at Welton, Clinton county, leaving four children; Mrs. Jane Tully lives in Welton, Iowa; Mrs. Isabell Robson lives in Dewitt, Iowa; William of this review; and Mrs. Elizabeth Dremning, of Otter Creek, Jackson county, Iowa. Three of these children, Isabell, William and Elizabeth, accompanied their father to America in 1854 and located in Lewisville, New York, near Utica, where they remained until 1856, when they came to Welton, Clinton county, Iowa. George Rathie and his two sons-in-law bought one hundred and twenty acres of land near Welton, and twenty acres of timber near there later. The father made his home with his daughters for some time, dying about 1865.

The subject worked out as a farm hand during his early life in Scotland, and during the first ten months he spent in America he worked as a farm hand in New York, and he became acquainted with his wife there.

Upon coming to Iowa, William Rathie hired out as a farm hand for about nine months, then went to work on his father's farm and continued to work on the home place until the father's death, when he came into possession of the paternal interest in the farm. About 1867 he added one hundred and sixty acres to the farm and later twenty acres, and again eighty, and forty acres of one of his brothers-in-law, and later another one hundred and sixty near his home, and another forty, making in all five hundred and forty acres, and he also owned twenty acres of timber land. He lived on this farm, successfully working the same until 1893, when he rented to his son and moved to Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he has since made his home, having erected there a modern, commodious and attractive ten-room house. He also owns several other residences in Maquoketa. In 1908 his son left the farm and moved to Stickney, South Dakota, where he lives at present.

In 1909 William Rathie sold his farm at Welton, Clinton county, and bought four hundred and eighty acres near Stickney, South Dakota. He has been very successful as an agriculturist and business man, having always worked hard and managed well, and he is deserving of a large measure of the good things of life owing to the consistent course he has led and the honest relations he has always borne to his fellow men. Politically, he is a Democrat, and during his residence at Welton he was a member of the Pres-

byterian church, and while he never desired offices of public trust or aspired to be a leader of men, he was always deeply interested in public affairs and willing to do his part in all laudable movements for the good of his community.

On February 18, 1861, Mr. Rathie married Christina Smart, who was born in Coldstream, Scotland, on January 27, 1834. She was the daughter of Thomas and Isabell Smart, natives of Scotland, each representing an excellent old family. They came to America in 1851 and located in Burlington Green, Otsego county, New York, where they spent the balance of their lives and where Mr. and Mrs. William Rathie were married (at her father's house) and then came direct to Mr. Rathie's home in Iowa. Mrs. Rathie's death occurred on February 3, 1905. She had been totally blind for two years. She was a woman of many estimable traits of character and greatly admired by a wide circle of friends.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rathie, one of whom died in infancy; the two living are, Isabell, born May 19, 1863, is the wife of F. W. Wray; they live in Maquoketa, Iowa, and are the parents of three children, Beula, Della and Mildred. Thomas Rathie was born August 14, 1864; in 1893 he married Carrie Knight, and they lived on his father's farm until 1909. In 1908 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres near Stickney, South Dakota, and after moving to that place he continued to add to the same until he at present owns a very valuable tract of five hundred acres. They have no children.

WILLIAM THOMAS JOYCE.

In the untimely death of William Thomas Joyce, of Chicago, whose demise occurred March 4, 1909, the industrial world lost one of its most progressive and successful workers. Trained in the lumber business, he rose to a position of importance, and the many interests with which he was identified throughout the Northwest are monuments to his ability and prodigious energy. He will be sadly missed in the lumber trade, in which he was long a powerful and influential factor.

Mr. Joyce was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, January 2, 1860, the son of David and Elizabeth F. (Thomas) Joyce. The family moved to Lyons, Iowa, now a part of Clinton, where the son was reared. He attended the Lyons schools, later taking a course at the Shuttuck school, at Faribault, Minnesota, finishing with an academic training in Chicago. The elder Joyce

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was one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Middle West. He carried on a large and lucrative business, and his efforts had much to do with the early development of the trade. Broad and liberal minded, he enjoyed a popularity so great that he was elected mayor of Lyons without a dissenting vote. He gave liberally to charity and was ready at all times to support any movement tending toward the betterment of the public good.

The senior Mr. Joyce directed the education of his son with a view of having him engage in the lumber business, so when he left school in 1880, William T. began to work for his father. His training was thorough, as he studied every department of the trade. He clerked in the mill office, worked in the woods, mastered the details of the retail lumber yards, and was then sent on the road as a salesman. His father, no doubt, intended the son to succeed him in business, and when the elder Joyce passed away the young man was well equipped to assume complete control of his parent's vast interests. Before the death of his father, whose demise occurred December 4, 1894, William T. Joyce had practically assumed control of affairs. The various interests were located in different parts of the country, and the immense business built up by the father was perpetuated by the son.

The subject not only kept the numerous enterprises intact, but extended and increased them. At the time of his death he was president of four railroads: The Manistee & Grand Rapids Railway Company, the Minneapolis & Rainy River Railway Company, the Tremont & Gulf Railway Company and the Groveton, Lufkin & Northern Railway Company. Of his many lumber interests, Mr. Joyce was president of the following Southern companies: Southern Investment Company, Tremont Lumber Company, Winn Parish Lumber Company and the Louisiana Lumber Company, Ltd., all operating in Louisiana, and the Trinity County Lumber Company, operating in Texas. In the North, he was president of the Northern Investment Company, the Itasca Lumber Company, the Deer River Lumber Company, the William T. Joyce Company, The W. T. Joyce Company, which operates twenty-nine line yards; the Joyce-Watkins Company, doing a lumber, telephone and telegraph pole business, and the Joyce Lumber Company of Clinton, Iowa, engaged in the wholesale business. He was also president of the Garland Hotel Company, which owns and operates the Park Hotel, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In addition to these concerns, he was interested in the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, of Victoria, British Columbia; the Mississippi River Logging Company; the St. Paul Boom Company, and was a stockholder in the Corn Exchange National Bank and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, and the Interstate Trust & Banking Company, of New Orleans, and in a

number of other prominent institutions. Mr. Joyce controlled yellow pine mills, the combined yearly output of which was one hundred and fifty million feet. The timber back of the Trinity County Lumber Company's mill alone amounts to over five hundred million feet, and other tracts acquired from time to time give these concerns the assurance of long life in the trade.

Mr. Joyce established general headquarters for his vast and rapidly increasing interests in Chicago in 1897, and since that time he was a conspicuous figure in lumber and financial affairs of the city.

Mr. Joyce was married, in 1884, to Clotilde Gage, of a prominent Lyons family, who, with their two sons, David Gage and James Stanley, survive him. The eldest son, David Gage Joyce, was associated in business with his father some time before the latter's death. He and his brother, James Stanley, a graduate of Yale University, are the successors to the Joyce interests. These young men, only twenty-five and twenty-four years of age respectively, have talent and ambition and the future holds forth much promise to them.

Mr. Joyce was a member of the Chicago Union League, Chicago Athletic, Chicago Yacht and the Midlothian Country Clubs. He was also a thirty-second-degree Mason and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Home life always appealed strongly to Mr. Joyce and his domestic relations were of the happiest. His private office was adorned with portraits of his family, of his homes, which included the old family residence at Chapinville, Connecticut, a roomy New England mansion, and the Joyce residence at Lyons, Iowa, as well as the handsome Chicago home situated at No. 4614 Woodlawn avenue, in the exclusive Kenwood district, where the surviving members of his family now reside. While vast interests required much of his attention, Mr. Joyce found time occasionally for relaxation and he sought recreation in foreign travel.

Mr. Joyce inherited a large fortune and he could have lived in luxury, but he was a man of ambition and devoted the best efforts of his life to the development of the country's resources. The business interests left to him were in good hands and under his careful management their value was greatly increased. For his children he had a great and lasting affection and one of his fondest desires was to give them the best preparation for life. Their education was wisely planned and it is believed that these young men can successfully direct and develop the many interests that came to him at the death of their grandfather.

Mr. Joyce was a man of great executive ability. He gathered about him lieutenants skilled in the management and direction of the Joyce interests.

Mr. Joyce was of a retiring disposition and while his donations to charity were large and frequent, he studiously avoided any publicity pertaining to them. To Cornell College he gave liberally, one of his gifts being a fifty-thousand-dollar endowment for the chair of economics and sociology. Loyalty was characteristic of the man. It was shown in his interest in Clinton, where his father was so long in business, by his appreciation of the state of Iowa, where he spent so much of his life, and by his liberal support of the fraternal organizations to which he belonged. He expressed his regard for his parents by the erection of a mortuary chapel and an imposing obelisk to their memory. The ties of home and family were ever dear to him. A beautiful sentiment was manifested by keeping in his possession the home in the East, where he was born, and also the home in Clinton. This great, generous-hearted man did not live for himself alone, and while many of his kind deeds will have no public record, his larger benevolences cannot be concealed.

ALFRED L. COOK.

Distinctively one of the leading business men of Clinton county and honored with a position of responsibility and trust, the subject of this sketch fills a large place in the public eye and it is with no little satisfaction that the following brief review of his life and tribute to his worth is accorded a place in this volume. A. L. Cook, son of E. L. and Ruby (Chaffee) Cook, a notice of whom appears elsewhere in this chapter, is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and dates his birth from June 17, 1873. At the proper age he entered the district schools of his township and in due time completed the prescribed course of study, this training being afterwards supplemented by two years in Cornell University and a full course in the Davenport Commercial College, where he fitted himself for his subsequent career as a business man. On quitting the latter institution, he turned his attention to educational work and during the four or five years ensuing taught in the public schools of the county, after which he was associated for a short time with D. W. Hurst in banking at Delmar. In 1900 he accepted the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Lost Nation, which was established that year and in the organization of which he took a leading part. He is still identified with the institution in the capacity indicated and in the discharge of his official functions demonstrates business ability of a high order and a faithfulness to the interests of the bank which has not only gained the confidence of the officers and stockholders, but of the general public as well.

Mr. Cook assumed his present important trust well qualified for its duties and responsibilities and thus far his career has been eminently creditable to himself and satisfactory to all concerned. An accomplished business man, familar with every phase of banking, he is unremitting in his efforts to promote the interests of the institution with which connected and make it serve its intended purpose, in addition to which he has broad and comprehensive views of financial matters and a knowledge of business conditions which is greatly appreciated by many of his fellow citizens who consult him as an authority upon such matters and repose implicit confidence in his opinions and judgment. Though primarily interested in the business to which his talents are being devoted, Mr. Cook is not unmindful of his indebtedness to the community, being ready at all times to lend his aid and influence to the furthering of worthy enterprises, and losing no opportunity in his efforts to promote the general welfare of his fellow men. He gives his support to the Republican party and though not a politician in the ordinary meaning of the term, he manifests a lively interest in political matters and at intervals has been elected to various local offices, having served as assessor of his city and township and being clerk of the former at the present time.

Mr. Cook is a member of Harbor Lodge No. 556, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and while not identified with any religious body, he is a regular attendant of the Episcopal church. All laudable means for the alleviation of human suffering and distress enlist his sympathy and assistance, and he donates freely to every measure having for its object the moral advancement of his kind.

Mr. Cook, on December 29, 1908, was happily married to Camilla Stephens, the accomplished daughter of William Stephens, of Maquoketa, the union being without issue. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Episcopal church, zealous in the good work of the organization, and her influence for good is felt among those with whom she mingles. Cultured and refined and of beautiful life and character, she moves in the best social circles of the community and is highly esteemed by all who enjoy the privilege of her acquaintance.

AMHERST W. RUSSELL.

Among the prominent and respected citizens of Camanche township stands the gentleman whose name heads this article. Amherst W. Russell was born in Clinton county, New York, December 12, 1832, the son of Nemier

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and Mary Ann (Lambson) Russell, natives of Vermont. His parents came to this county about 1842 and located in Camanche township, where his father died ten years later and his wife a few years later. They are buried in Shafton cemetery. His grandfather Lambson was a Revolutionary soldier. Nemier and Mary Ann Russell were the parents of nine children, of whom but two survive. Adna E. Russell, now eighty-two, is a resident of California, yet a man of such vigor that he recently came unattended on a visit to his brother, Amherst.

Amherst W. Russell is one of the very few living territorial settlers of Clinton county. He received but a limited education in his boyhood days, and was married on July 14, 1859, to Ann M. Willett, daughter of Court V. and Hannah Willett, natives of New York, of Irish and Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Willett came to Iowa in 1855, and located in Eden township, this county, where Mr. Willett was a farmer. Their entire family consists of five children, of whom Mrs. Russell is the third child. Her father died when sixty-eight, her mother at the age of eighty-six.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell began their married life on rented land and in 1888 purchased their present home farm of two hundred eleven acres in sections 10 and 15, Eden and Camanche townships. Here they have lived continually since and added to their original purchase one hundred sixty acres, adjoining them, but sold it to their son Friend. Mr. Russell is a member of the Masonic order, and in politics is a Republican. He has been a very successful farmer and owns one of the best cultivated farms in the township. He is well known and stands high in the regard and respect of the citizens of his community.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of one son, Friend E., and one daughter, Mary T., who was married to Walter M. Dannatt, a resident of Low Moor, Iowa.

Friend E. Russell was born October 25, 1867, and died April 23, 1909. He was married in November, 1893, to R. May Bauder, daughter of Samuel C. and Mary E. Bauder, of this county, who, having retired from farming, are now living at Low Moor. Mr. Bauder served as first mayor of Low Moor and served his township as trustee for several years. Friend E. Russell was a man of many splendid qualities, which had gained friends for him wherever known. He was an energetic and successful farmer and a devoted husband and loving father. He was taken just in the prime of a life of seeming great promise; but such are the ways of Providence.

Mrs. R. May Russell resides on her farm of two hundred and forty acres, having her residence just opposite that of Father and Mother Russell, and

lives with her two attractive children, Marion, born August 2, 1895, and Irma I., born January 31, 1898. She is a woman of much ability and many accomplishments. She has kept a diary continuously since 1888, a remarkable record, comprising four large books kept in a neat manner and being a valuable record of the period covered by it, nearly a quarter of a century.

JAMES J. OGDEN.

The Ogden family is deserving of conspicuous mention in a history of Clinton county for many reasons which will be apparent by a perusal of the following paragraphs, and one of the best known and most influential of those of the present generation bearing this name is James J. Ogden, of Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, whose interests in Clinton county have long been extensive and who has been here practically all his life, where he spent his very active years in connection with agricultural pursuits, but is now retired. He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, May 1, 1828, of a sterling Buckeye ancestry, being the son of James S. and Mary (Riley) Ogden, the father born in Virginia in 1795, and the mother in Maryland on February 11, 1804. They moved to Ohio with their parents and were married there. After their marriage Mr. Ogden worked as teamster for a large distillery in Neville, Clermont county, Ohio. In 1844 the family came to Iowa, driving overland to Davenport and from there north to what is now Maquoketa, Jackson county. They remained here for a year or more. In 1848 they entered eighty acres of land in section 18, Bloomfield township, Clinton county. He built a two-room frame house and began the cultivation of the soil, and here the elder Ogden made his home until his death. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1854, having been preceded to the grave by his wife in 1852. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood but two, who died in infancy; they were: William V., born in 1818 and died when twenty-one years of age; Mrs. Elizabeth Goodenow, who reached the age of eighty years, dying on April 14, 1900; Thomas V., born January 15, 1821, died April 7, 1900; Mrs. Delily T. Parker, born November 4, 1823, resided in Maquoketa, Iowa, and died December 24, 1910; James J., of this review; Benjamin F., born February 10, 1830, lives on the old homestead in Bloomfield township, this county; he is a twin, the other child dying in infancy; Mrs. Elender M. James, born April 24, 1832, died in 1907; Mrs. Sarah Ann Nodle, born March

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17, 1834, died February 27, 1908; Joshua B., born June 3, 1837, lives in Oklahoma; Mary Jane, born in 1841, died in 1861.

When the parents of these children came to Iowa the country was the home of large numbers of Indians, although they were friendly, but were a nuisance on account of their propensity to beg and steal. There was an abundance of wild game, deer, turkeys, wolves, etc., and one panther was killed after they moved here.

James J. Ogden of this review made his home with his parents until his mother's death. The following year he married and worked on a farm of eighty acres in section 18, Bloomfield township, adjoining his father's farm, which he had purchased previous to his marriage. To this eighty acres he added one hundred and ten acres and erected modern buildings. About 1865 he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Brookfield township, to which he added eighty acres later. About 1879 he bought ninety-four acres in section 6, Bloomfield township (a part of the John Riggs farm). He added to this at various times until he owned two hundred and four acres, after which he built new barns, houses, fences and other improvements. He owns this entire amount of land at present, in all six hundred and forty-four acres. It is all well improved and as good farming land as the eastern part of the state can boast. In 1892 Mr. Ogden retired from active farm life and moved to Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he rented property the first year, then bought a house and lots on the corner of Pleasant and Austin avenues, where, a few years later, he built a fine modern residence, beautiful from an architectural viewpoint and neatly kept, which is his home at present. He has been unusually successful in business and was regarded as one of the leading farmers of the county for several decades.

Politically, Mr. Ogden is a Republican, but he has never held anything more than minor township offices. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On September 22, 1853, Mr. Ogden was married to Margaret Sadler, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, October 20, 1835, the daughter of John and Dorothy (O'Brien) Sadler, the former born in Ireland in 1788, and her birth occurred in Summit county, Ohio, of Irish parentage, on January 2, 1809. Mr. Sadler was twice married. His first wife he married in Ireland and by her they had three children, James, born in 1821, William, born in 1825, and Elizabeth, born in 1826. The mother of these children died in June, 1827. Mr. Sadler came to America about 1822 and located in Pennsylvania and he worked at the cooper's trade, which he had learned in Ireland. About 1827 he went to Summit county and continued at his trade a few years,

then engaged in farming. On June 16, 1828, Mr. and Mrs. Sadler were married and they lived on their farm in Ohio until his death, September 22, 1849, being survived by a widow and seven children, named as follows: Robert, born August 5, 1829, died in Montgomery county, Iowa, March 11, 1888; Joseph, born September 27, 1831, died May 15, 1907; George, born July 7, 1833, died in Ohio, July 22, 1846; Margaret, wife of James J. Ogden, of this review, born in Ohio, October 20, 1835; Mrs. Nancy Roush, born in 1837, lives at Maquoketa, Iowa; John M., born November 28, 1842, lived in Montgomery county, Iowa, and died November 24, 1910; Albert H., born January 7, 1848, died July 3, 1909.

In 1852 Mrs. Sadler and her children came to Iowa and located on a farm north of Maquoketa in Jackson county, later moved to Clinton county and from there to Montgomery county, where she died November 9, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler and children were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Ogden are the parents of five children, of whom two died in infancy; the others are, Etta M., born December 14, 1858, and in 1879 she married John A. Bolton, and they made their home in Maquoketa, Iowa, Mrs. Bolton's death occurring on December 23, 1907, leaving a husband, who now lives in California, and two children, Arthur J. and Earl V. The former was born April 21, 1881, and was married September 11, 1898, to Clara Lewis, who was born on a farm in Minnesota, May 14, 1883; they now live in Montana and are the parents of four children: Roy B., born in 1902; Bernice, born in 1903; Ray, born in August, 1905; Blanche M., born in 1906; this family resides in Monmouth township, Jackson county, Iowa. Earl V. Bolton was born at Grundy Center, Grundy county, Iowa, August 21, 1884, married in January, 1907, to Edna McDale, who was born in 1885, and they are the parents of one child, Edith, who was born in November, 1907; they live in Madison, California.

Jessie J. Ogden was born December 19, 1861, and on February 21, 1881, she married John E. Phillips, and lived on a farm in Bloomfield township, Clinton county, until 1903, when they moved to Maquoketa; they are the parents of one son, Howard Phillips, a professor in the Agricultural College at Davis, California. He is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, and was born on October 31, 1886.

Walter W. Ogden was born May 28, 1867, on a farm in Bloomfield township. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and the Duncan Business College at Davenport, Iowa, and he learned the watchmaker's trade at Elgin, Illinois. He conducted a jewelry store at Fairfield,

Nebraska, for two years, selling out in 1895. He married Fannie B. Bowman, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on December 28, 1846, the daughter of Jacob and Sophrona (Blaine) Bowman. They went to live on his father's farm in section 6, Bloomfield township, and he is now the owner of a two hundred and forty-acre farm in this township. They are the parents of two children, Neta May, born May 21, 1898, and Ralph Sadler, born September 5, 1899.

HERMAN SCHEPERS.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is a native of Iowa and a son of William and Christena Schepers, of whom mention is made elsewhere in these pages. He was born in the city of Davenport, October 20, 1862, and at the early age of eight years was thrown upon his own resources, from which time until his young manhood he supported himself by various kinds of manual labor, the meanwhile, as opportunities afforded, attending the public schools a few months during the winter seasons. His early experience while working for his board and meeting the cold frowns of an uncharitable world, was by no means agreeable, but being naturally of an optimistic nature and inclined to look on the bright side of circumstances, he resolutely faced the future, determined to rise above the many discouragements of his surroundings. Blessed with health and strength, he addressed himself industriously to his various duties, won the confidence of his employers and in due time rose superior to his environments. Having been reared in the country from childhood and accustomed to farm labor, he soon became a very proficient hand, so that there was always a demand for his services.

Without narrating in detail the early experiences of young Schepers, suffice it to say that when a young man he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as a life work and, bending all of his energies in the way of making it a success, his advancement from the time he began tilling the soil upon his own responsibility, was rapid and continuous. In the year 1889 he found himself the possessor of sufficient means to buy a farm or tract of land and, addressing himself to its cultivation and improvement, he was soon able to make an additional purchase. From time to time he has made judicious investments in real estate until he now owns a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Brookfield township, his place being in a high state of cultivation and containing substantial improvements, among which is the splendid and imposing modern residence which he and his family now occupy.

Mr. Schepers is a model farmer and his financial success has kept pace with the industry and energy displayed in his labors and the able manner in which he has managed his various interests. He devotes a great deal of attention to live stock, breeding and raising high grades of cattle and hogs, which he sells at the highest market prices, and which, with the other products of his farm, yields him the liberal income which adds every year to the comfortable fortune which he has already accumulated. A Democrat and well grounded in the principles of his party, he has little taste for politics and has persistently refused office, although by nature and training well qualified to fill any local trust within the gift of the people of his county. He is keenly alive to the advancement of the community, encourages all enterprises for the general welfare and with the good of his fellow men at heart, omits no opportunity to promote their interests.

Mr. Schepers, on the 10th day of March, 1885, was united in marriage with Emma Rutenbeck, a native of Germany, the union being blessed with four children: Fritz, who married Grace Randall and lives in Brookfield township; William, deceased; Clara and Harry, who are with their parents. In every sense, Mr. Schepers is entitled to the honorable distinction of being called a self-made man. Starting without education or money, he has, by hard labor and unflinching self-denial, achieved signal success in a financial way and risen to an honorable place among the notable men of his day and generation in the county in which he chooses to reside.

Mrs. Schepers is the daughter of Fred and Laura (Limpa) Rutenbeck, both of whom were raised in Germany. They came to this country about 1866 and went direct to Clinton county, Iowa, and started farming. They had eleven children, four girls and seven boys, of whom two died when young. The rest all live in this county. The mother, who died in 1896, was a good woman and greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was buried at Lost Nation, Iowa. The father died in Germany, January 25, 1904, while there on a visit to see his old friends. He took sick suddenly, died and was buried at Barmon, Germany.

CASIN BOYCE OBERT.

This biographical memoir has to do with a character of unusual force and eminence, Casin Boyce Obert, whose life chapter has been closed by the fate that awaits us all and who was for many years one of the prominent citizens of Clinton, Iowa. During his residence here he assisted in every way

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possible in promoting the interests of the city and community. While he carried on a special line of business in such a manner as to gain a comfortable competence for himself, he also belonged to that class of representative citizens who promote the public welfare while advancing individual success. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him and is enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

Mr. Obert was born in Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, the son of Peter and Maria (Cross) Obert, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, Casin B. first seeing the light of day on January 25, 1847. He grew to maturity in his native community and received a good education in the local schools, which was supplemented in later life by general home reading and study until he was aptly conversant with current topics of the times as well as familiar with the world's best literature. When a young man he went to Bath, New York, and entered the mercantile house of A. S. Howell & Company; later he entered into partnership with Edwin L. Church at Bath, engaging in the dry goods business, in which he was successful and he remained there until 1892, becoming one of the well known merchants of the place. Believing that Clinton, Iowa, was a better and larger field for his operations, he came here in 1892 to enter the Towle & Spreter Company, a corporation conducting a large department store, and he proved to be a very valuable, in fact, indispensable, acquisition to the firm from the first, and before the end of the year he had been elected treasurer of the company. This office he held with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned until the death of P. S. Towle in 1898, when he was elected president, which office he held in a manner that stamped him as a business man of modern ideas, rare acumen and keen discernment, until he was called to a higher plane of action in the mystic land, his death occurring on December 22, 1905. During that time he was the principal motive power that resulted in building up a very lucrative and extensive business, which was conducted in such a straightforward and honest manner as to give his firm a prestige in the world of industry second to none. He believed in placing and maintaining every department under a perfect system, and in doing well what was worth doing at all.

Mr. Obert was a vestryman in the St. John's Episcopal church for many years, being a liberal supporter of the same and ever vigilant of its welfare. He stood high in fraternal circles, having been a member of Clinton Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Wapsipinicon Club, the Clinton Commercial Club, the Clinton Golf Club, and Loyal Lodge No. 237, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Clinton, and also the Steuben Society of New

York and the Society of the Genesee of New York. In all of these he was greatly interested and held in high esteem by the members of each.

The domestic life of Mr. Obert began on June 9, 1880, when he was united in marriage with Anna P. Lyon, daughter of the late Robert M. Lyon, a prominent citizen of Bath, New York, and Rebecca Brother, also of Bath. He is survived by the widow and one child, Louise Lyon Obert, who reside in their home at No. 319 Fifth avenue.

CHARLES H. BAUER.

Among the well known and highly respected farmers of Center township, Clinton county, who have attained a definite degree of success in their line and who, at the same time, have greatly benefited the community in which they live, is the gentleman to whose career we now direct the reader's attention.

Charles H. Bauer was born July 13, 1868, in Holstein, Germany, but the major part of his life has been spent in the United States. Here he has labored in a manner that has brought him large financial rewards. He grew to maturity in his native community and was educated there. Having heard of the advantages of this country, he set sail for our shores in 1886, accompanying his parents, August and Louise Bauer. They located in Chicago, where they remained one year, then moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and settled in Clinton, where the parents now reside, the father being sixty-eight years old and the mother seventy-two. They are members of the Lutheran church and are a fine old couple whom everybody respects. Their family consists of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Henry, Mary Poltz, Margarethe, Christina Scheck, Augusta Krauker, Johanna Hansen and Charles H. of this review.

In his boyhood days Charles H. Bauer remained under the parental roof. He was married on December 28, 1872, to Louise Schroeder, a daughter of Frederic and Margaret Schroeder, of Clinton county, but who were natives of Germany, having emigrated to America in 1847. They landed at New Orleans where they located, but later moved to Scott county, Iowa, locating near Davenport, then they moved to Clinton county and settled in section 36, where Mr. Schroeder died on October 14, 1910, his wife having died on May 1, 1898, and they are buried in the cemetery at Elvira. Eight children were born to this family, all living, namely: Henry S., Harmon S., Dora

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CHARLES H. BAUER AND FAMILY

Grimm, Emma Grimm, Carolina Petersen, Mattie Hass, Mollie, who lives at the old home, and Louise, who married Mr. Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauer began their married life on her father's homestead of one hundred and sixty-five acres, which, with the exception of five acres, they purchased, the five acres being the ground around the home dwelling which the father and his daughter retained as a home. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have made extensive improvements on their place and it is now one of the best kept and most desirable farms in the township. Besides general farming, stock raising is carried on extensively, Mr. Bauer keeping an excellent grade of live stock at all times, feeding a great deal for the market. He is neat and exact in all details of his farm work. He has a beautiful and neatly furnished home and good outbuildings.

Mr. Bauer is a man of much public enterprise. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to offices of public trust. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. They are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, Mollie, who was born March 24, 1896, is attending the common schools and receiving special instruction at home in music; Leroy, born May 12, 1907.

JOHN HENRY CREGER.

A native of Clinton county, Iowa, and one of the leading farmers of Brookfield township, the subject of this sketch was born near where he now lives, on the 4th day of September, 1863. His father, William Fredrick Creger, a native of Germany, came to America when about twelve years old and grew to maturity in Canada. He married, in the latter country, Elizabeth Sherk, and soon afterwards came to Clinton county, Iowa, where he rented land for a few years, later purchasing forty acres in Brookfield township, which he subsequently enlarged by a sixty-acre tract adjoining. Still later he bought other land until his farm was increased to one hundred and sixty acres, on which he made many good improvements and on which he continued to reside until 1885. His death occurred in July, 1892, his wife surviving him three years.

John Henry Creger was reared amid the active duties of the farm, and received his education in the rural schools of Brookfield township. He assisted his father on the home place until he was married, when he rented his father's farm for four years. He then purchased one hundred acres a short distance west of Elwood and began farming upon his own responsibility.

Since then his career has been eminently satisfactory, having bought additional land the meanwhile, which he afterwards sold, his home at this time consisting of his original purchase, which he has made one of the finest and among the most valuable farms in the township. Believing in beautifying his home and rendering it attractive, he has not been sparing of his means to this end, among his improvements being a fine cement house, which, with its full complement of modern conveniences and comforts, leaves little to be desired in the way of a dwelling. His barns, outbuildings and other improvements are first-class and up-to-date, and every feature of the farm bespeaks the presence of an enterprising, broad-minded American agriculturist, who takes pride in his work and believes in the dignity of his calling.

In connection with general farming, Mr. Creger raises considerable live stock. His life has been quiet and marked with great success, though he has never been one to boast of his achievements or parade his virtues before the public, being content with his lot as a prosperous tiller of the soil and with his high standing as a neighbor and citizen. Like all progressive men, he manifests a lively interest in politics, and for a number of years has been one of the influential Democrats of his township, though not an office seeker; nevertheless he has been honored with important public trusts from time to time, the last being that of school director, in which he rendered very efficient service. He holds membership with Lost Nation Lodge No. 618, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the principles of which splendid fraternity he endeavors to put into practice in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

On the 12th day of December, 1888, Mr. Creger and Anna Herkelmann, of Clinton county, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the marriage resulting in the birth of five children: Mary Esther, who was graduated in 1908 from the Our Lady of Angels Seminary, at Lyons, this state, and for the past two years has been a teacher in the public schools; Florence Agnes is taking an academic course in the same institution and will graduate in June, 1911; Virrum, the next in order of birth, is deceased; Almond and Paul Henry are still with their parents and pupils of the district school of Brookfield township, not far from their home.

BENJAMIN H. SCHROEDER.

This review records the deeds of a citizen of the sturdy German blood who has lived a satisfactory and profitable life, both to himself and to the community of which he is a part, and the story of whose doings is at once

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interesting and instructive, as is always the story of the life of a good and honorable man.

Benjamin H. Schroeder was born on December 11, 1864, in Clinton county, Iowa, the son of Henry and Anna (Christiansen) Schroeder, who were natives of Germany. Henry Schroeder was born on January 28, 1830, and came to America in 1850, locating first at Chicago, and then removing to Davenport, Iowa, and later to Clinton county, where he purchased, after two years' residence, forty acres of land. To this he added until he owned one hundred and sixty acres, and spent his active life in farming and stock raising, living on the farm until 1902, when he moved to Lyons and purchased a residence. Here his wife, who was born on June 9, 1840, died on July 3, 1904. After her death Mr. Schroeder sold his house, and now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Schoening, of this county. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion adheres to the Lutheran faith. Of his ten children, six are living: Benjamin H., Martin, Joseph A., Mrs. Ziena Peters, Mrs. Bertha Schoening, and Mrs. Anna Anderson. The deceased are Emma, August, Nicholas and Margaret. Mr. Schroeder was in the great cyclone of 1860 which passed through this county, but escaped unharmed.

Benjamin H. Schroeder received a common school education, and remained with his father on the farm until of age. He then worked out for himself for four years, and at the age of twenty-five was married to Christina, the daughter of Martin and Margaret (Boyson) Johansen, who were natives of Germany. Her mother is deceased, and her father is still living in his native land, and at present Mrs. Schroeder is visiting her father and her native home. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder began their married life on rented land for two years, then they moved to the farm on which they are now living, the homestead which his mother's father had bought, and which Mr. Schroeder purchased from his mother. The dwelling is a well preserved and comfortable old house, built by Grandfather Christiansen. Mr. Schroeder is a well-to-do farmer, has his place in a high state of cultivation, and keeps a good grade of stock and feeds for the market. He is well informed and public spirited. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Lutheran church. Eight children were born in his family, of whom seven are living. They reside at home, attended the common schools, are cultured, have music in their home, and enjoy the best of society, representing as they do one of the pioneer families of the county. Those living are: Siadonia M., born on March 5, 1890; C. H. Arthur, October 23, 1892; Anna A., October 17, 1894; Meta V., December 26, 1896; Lillie A. C., January 23, 1898; Amanda J., July 29, 1901; and Alva M., December 12, 1907. Malinda A.,

born on July 4, 1900, died young. Mr. Schroeder is a citizen whom all his neighbors respect and esteem because of his many strong and likable qualities, and has been successful in his occupation.

CLARENCE C. IRWIN.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Pennsylvania and a son of Thomas T. and Elizabeth (Alexander) Irwin, the father born in Lycoming county, that state, the mother in Mercer county, also in that state. In early life Thomas Irwin was a printer by trade, later entered the field of journalism, and for some years edited and published the *Mercer Whig*. He was editor and proprietor of the *Despatch*, published at the same place also, but in 1871 discontinued the printing business and came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought two hundred acres of land in Brookfield township, which he improved and on which he lived as a successful tiller of the soil until his death, in the year 1906, adding forty acres to his place the meanwhile, and making it one of the most productive farms and desirable homes in the township.

Thomas T. Irwin was an influential politician, originally a Whig, but when that old historic party had fulfilled its mission and ceased to exist, he became an uncompromising Republican. In Pennsylvania he served as collector of internal revenue during the administration of Andrew Johnson, and for a number of years was tax collector, besides filling other positions from time to time in both his native state and Iowa. Socially, he was a prince of good fellowship, a prime favorite among those with whom he mingled, and his death, which occurred in the year 1906, was profoundly regretted by all who knew him. His wife died in 1860, and of his seven children only two survive.

Clarence C. Irwin was born April 2, 1856, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and passed his childhood and youth in the town of Mercer where he received his preliminary educational discipline. He was about fifteen years old when his parents moved to Iowa, and for some time after the family settled in Clinton county he attended the public schools, working on the farm the meanwhile. Having early manifested a decided inclination towards agriculture, he chose the same for his vocation, and while still a youth he began farming the home place for himself, being quite suc-

cessful in the undertaking. During the past thirty years, which he has devoted to his chosen calling, his progress has been steady and continuous, and today he occupies a place in the front rank of Clinton county's most enterprising agriculturist. He owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres, a short distance south of Elwood, where he resides and on which he has made a number of substantial and up-to-date improvements. In connection with tilling the soil, he raises considerable live stock, which adds very materially to his income. In 1903 he became interested in the Elwood Savings Bank, an institution with which he has since been identified, and it is eminently proper to attribute to his sound judgment and superior executive ability not a little of the success which has marked the growth of the business from its inception to the present time. Entering the institution in a subordinate capacity, he discharged his duties in such a manner as to gain the confidence of the board of directors and stockholders, this trust leading, in 1908, to his election to the presidency, which responsible position he still holds, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. In the fall of 1909 he formed a partnership with W. S. Hill, with the object in view of erecting a building in Elwood to be used as a garage, an undertaking which was pushed to completion in due time, as the substantial structure, thirty by fifty-four feet in dimension, and equipped throughout with everything calculated to make it answer the purpose for which designed, abundantly attests. It is now run by the subject, who does a very satisfactory business, the garage being greatly appreciated by automobilists of the town and adjacent country, as well as by the traveling public.

Sufficient has been said in the foregoing lines to indicate Mr. Irwin's standing as an enterprising man of affairs and public spirited citizen. For a number of years he has put forth every effort at his command to promote the material progress of his township and county, and he has not been least among those who have labored for the upbuilding of the thriving town of Elwood and for the social and moral advancement of the people. A Republican, and well grounded in his principles, he has never stood for office or public honors of any kind, though ready at all times to work for his friends and, if necessary, to make sacrifices for the good of the party. He has served in various local positions, however, such as township trustee, school director, etc., in which he discharged his duties with the same conscientious fidelity which he displays in the management of his private interests. Personally, he is a most affable gentleman, of pleasing address

and easily approachable, and possesses the faculty of winning and retaining warm friendships. Few men in the county are as widely and favorably known, and none occupy in a more marked degree the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Irwin's domestic life began in 1881, when he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Louisa O'Brien, of Clinton county, the marriage being blessed with three children, namely: Edith E., Clyde H. and Leland B., all living and affording to their parents many fine hopes for the future.

LOUIS ITEN.

At the present time one of the largest and most substantial business industries of Clinton is that of the L. Iten & Sons Company, the proprietors of the Snow White Bakery, whose products have by their excellence gained a wide reputation and a sale in several states. The rapid growth of this business is due to the principles upon which it was founded by Louis Iten, which, carefully followed by himself during his lifetime, and by his sons since his death, have brought to the company deserved success.

Louis Iten was born in Unteragi, canton Zug, Switzerland, in August, 1838, the son of John Iten, who was born in the same place in 1806. In the war of 1830 John Iten was a lieutenant in the French army and a member of the Swiss bodyguard of Louis Philippe. In 1850 he came with his family to America and located in Milwaukee, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Louis Iten began his education in his native town and completed it in Genesee, Illinois. In 1857 he went to Davenport, Iowa, and engaged in the vinegar business with his uncle, with whom he continued until 1863. Then he formed a partnership with W. Smith, which continued until 1867, when he discontinued his former business to engage in the making of crackers, which he followed during the remainder of his life.

In 1892 Mr. Iten came to Clinton and started the L. Iten & Sons Cracker Company of Clinton, in a building forty by one hundred and ninety feet in size. In this factory crackers and cookies were made and sold throughout this section of the country, the high quality of the goods creating a demand that soon taxed the capacity of the little factory. Through all the years this firm manufactured crackers and cookies, one feature of the business was ever uppermost in the mind of its owner—keep the factory clean. Under ideal conditions of sanitation and through the use of only the best materials money could

buy, the business of this little factory grew and flourished, until, in 1905, a factory measuring one hundred and forty by one hundred and seventy-five feet, three stories and a basement, giving a total of about seventy thousand square feet of space, was a necessity. A model in factory construction is the Snow White bakery. It is built so that at no time can any other building be erected close to it, and this allows ample light and plenty of air at all times. The building is surrounded by streets on the north, west and south; to the east is the broad Mississippi river, with its constant breezes, and this forms an ideal location for a factory manufacturing food products. The prominent idea in the construction of this factory was the one which has been ever foremost in the minds of the proprietors since the establishment of the business—that is, to insure a system of sanitation which would at all times make it as clean and healthful as the most exacting critic could demand, as clean as the best housewife keeps her kitchen, and they have obtained this feature at great expense. The building is kept constantly ventilated by an enormous fan, which forces air through big pipes to all parts of the building, and this air is purified before entering the building by passing through an air washer, so that it contains no dirt or impurities. The water used is from an artesian well one thousand one hundred and eighty feet deep, the most exacting cleanliness is required from employes and the machinery is new and cleanly and of the latest type. Truly this is a "snow white bakery."

The products of the Snow White Bakery are no more distinguished by their absolute cleanliness, than they are for the class of materials from which they are made. The flour, lard, honey, sugar, molasses, chocolate and all other constituent materials are of the best value which money can buy. As the proprietors of the bakery are glad to allow the public to witness the exceptional conditions under which their products are made, it is open to visitors during working hours.

The above description of the methods and ideals which have animated the proprietors of the Snow White Bakery, which were firmly laid down and consistently worked out by Louis Iten, sufficiently accounts for the phenomenal success of the L. Iten & Sons' biscuits and crackers. Mr. Iten was a far-seeing man in all business affairs, and one who recognized that the best way to establish a profitable business was to found it upon the rule of giving to his customers the best obtainable, and of making that best to be better still, if possible. The results justified his sagacity.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Iten was a member of the Union League and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was married in 1861 to Theresa Zeigler, of Rock Island, Illinois. To this union were born seven

children: John J., Anna M., Louis C., Lizzie G., William F., Frank J. and Sadie M.

Louis Iten died on September 14, 1906, and his sons, Frank J., Louis C. and John J., are now carrying on the operations of the company which he established.

Louis Iten was a man who took much interest in the affairs of the community and was ever ready to assist in whatever promised the betterment of the city. Generous and philanthropic, he had many friends among all classes, and was loved and respected by his employes, of whom he was always considerate. His career is an eminent example of success won by an immigrant to this country, through his ability and perseverance.

REV. FR. PETER O'DOWD.

The mission of service of such great magnitude as has been embraced in the career of Rev. Fr. Peter O'Dowd, the able and popular pastor of Petersville and Assumption churches, the latter being at Charlotte, Clinton county, is not vouchsafed to many men. But notwithstanding his popularity among his people and the vast amount of good he has accomplished, he is entirely unassuming, content to know that he is doing his Master's will.

Father O'Dowd was born in county Cavan, Ireland, November 1, 1844. He came to America when twenty-eight years old. When he was twelve years old he was sent to Balla McQue College and was ordained in Ireland. He pursued his classical studies in St. Patrick's College in Cavan and studied theology at St. John's College, Waterford, and was ordained May 24, 1872. He was appointed on a mission to Castle Grove and Monticello, Jones county, where he remained until September 8, 1880, when he received his present appointment. Father O'Dowd has always been recognized as a man of sound judgment and unswerving principles. The beautiful churches he has erected in Iowa are lasting monuments to his zeal and executive genius.

Rev. John J. Len, formerly assistant pastor at Petersville and Charlotte, was born in county Kerry, Ireland, near the Lakes of Killarney in 1876. He studied philosophy in St. Patrick's College, Carlon, and theology in All Hallows College, Dublin. He was ordained June 24, 1903, and received his appointment to Petersville and Charlotte the same year. Father Len is a polished scholar, writes beautiful English and is an able and logical speaker. His future is most promising and he is a perfect Christian gentleman, and it is

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safe to say that none of his predecessors ever endeared himself to a greater extent than did Father Len, during the brief period of his pastorate here. Recently Father Len was appointed pastor at Sumner, Iowa, being succeeded here by Father Thomas O'Dowd. The latter, who is a nephew of Father Peter O'Dowd, was a student at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, studied theology at St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Maryland, being ordained at Baltimore by Cardinal Gibbons on December 17, 1910. The mission of Petersville and Deep Creek was established at an early day. As early as 1852, Father Kenna celebrated mass in the house of Cornelius Spain and from 1853 to 1865 mass was regularly offered in a log cabin school house, situated on the north corner of the forty-acre lot of the church property in section 30, Waterford township, Clinton county, Iowa. Father Kenna attended this contributory mission for six years, walking to and from his charge, or perchance was conveyed by the settler with his team of oxen from place to place. It is no wonder that Catholicity planted by such resolute hands grew and blossomed and it is no wonder today that the children bow in respectful reverence to the old frame buildings in whose sanctuary were kindled the first fires of Christian consolation. Father Kenna died September 26, 1860, was buried in Mill Creek cemetery, a small limestone monument marking the grave of the pioneer priest. There were six families in St. Mary's parish at its organization, while today it is one of the wealthiest rural parishes in the archdiocese. St. Mary's was attended by different pastors of St. Joseph's church, De Witt, during the administration of Father James Scallon; in 1865 a frame building was erected and dedicated to the worship of God which cost over twelve hundred dollars. Father J. J. Cadden assumed charge.

In 1871 and in 1872 Father Eugene O'Kiefe was appointed as pastor. Father O'Kiefe built a parsonage the same year and was the first pastor of St. Mary's parish, and in 1875 he built an addition to the church. He was succeeded by Father John J. Farrell and in 1880 Father Peter O'Dowd was put in charge and much of the success of the mission is undoubtedly due to the wise and energetic course pursued by him. His administration has been a signal success. In 1891 a fine parochial school was built, the school being in charge of the Franciscan Sisters, who have accomplished much in the way of education. The crowning work of Father Dowd's life in Petersville was the erection, in 1903, of the splendid new church house at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars, built of pressed brick. Contributions flowed in liberally, the active financial operations, combined with the able and painstaking assistance of Father J. J. Len, making it easy for the pastor. On November 7, 1904, it was dedicated to the worship of God by appropriate ceremonies, the Very Rev.

Dean E. J. McLaughlin, of Clinton, Iowa, being assisted by a score of prominent clergy. Solemn high mass was celebrated by the officers, the Very Rev. J. J. Garland, celebrant, Rev. T. Smith, deacon, Rev. M. F. Eardley, subdeacon, Rev. J. J. Len, and Rev. J. F. Bowen, master of ceremonies. The chanters during the dedicatory sermons were T. F. O'Brien and Rev. J. M. Feitz. The Rev. J. F. Nugent, a noted orator from Des Moines, Iowa, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon. The ceremony was attended by about twenty priests. The church and schools are a success. There are now two schools, which are receiving public money and are educating successfully a large number of pupils. But few men during a lifetime have done as much for struggling humanity and the world as Father Peter O'Dowd, and he has deservingly been honored in many ways, and commands the respect of all the people, both Catholic and Protestant.

THOMAS C. O'CONNOR.

The name of Thomas C. O'Connor will ever stand in the front rank of progressive citizens of Clinton county, for he is a man who has ever manifested an abiding interest in whatever tended to promote the general good and while advancing his own interests he assists his neighbors along the highway of life, establishing a record for upright living and clean citizenship, enjoying the esteem of all classes.

Mr. O'Connor was born at Lyons, this county, November 26, 1854, and was reared on a farm. He was educated in the rural schools in the days of the old log cabin school house. He is the son of Patrick and Ellen (Dolan) O'Connor, both natives of Ireland, from which country they came to New York when young and there married. Mr. O'Connor was then employed at railroad construction work, working westward, after his marriage, on New York lines to Galena, Illinois, and crossed the Mississippi river at Lyons, Iowa, to work on the old "Calico" railroad, so called as a result of the fact that those employed in its construction were compelled to take calico for their pay. It was in 1851 that he came to Iowa, the country then being sparsely settled, when wild beasts roamed the prairies and game was plentiful. He is still living, being now ninety years of age, hale and hearty. It is interesting to hear him relate how he has seen the country grow from its virgin state to its present thriving condition. He underwent the usual hardships and deprivations of the early settler, but, being brave and not afraid of hard work,

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he overcame such obstacles as opposed him and played well his part in the general development of the county, and no man is worthier of a place in its history. He is a strong Democrat, but has never been a public man, preferring to be merely a plain, quiet, honest farmer. He has always been a most worthy member of the Catholic church. His cabin was often the place of worship in the days when Father McKinney, the first missionary priest, visited this locality. He was charitable to the afflicted and needy, an excellent neighbor and true friend, and was well known and highly honored by all. He now makes his home at Lost Nation. He was in the great blizzard of 1856. He and his family had started to Lyons with his ox team, the morning being clear and pleasant, the storm striking in the afternoon without warning. Had they not taken shelter in a farm house they doubtless would have frozen to death. His wife died in 1906. She was the daughter of a very early settler, Mr. Dolan having been prominently identified with the early development of the county. His family consisted of ten children. The same number of children were also born to Patrick O'Connor and wife, all of whom died in early life but four, namely: Thomas C., of this review; Mike, who is farming in this county; Mary, Mrs. John Connor; Agnes has remained single.

Thomas C. O'Connor lived under his parental roof until he was thirty-two years of age, then married in 1888, soon afterwards renting a farm in Berlin township, later moving to Waterford township where he rented another farm and lived there ten years, then bought the old Williams farm, which he improved. In 1906 he bought the old homestead of his wife's father, John Bulger, which contained two hundred and ninety-five acres. He yet holds forty acres of the old Williams farm, making a good farm of three hundred and thirty-five acres, in Waterford township. He has placed extensive and modern improvements on his land and has one of the choice farms of the township.

In politics Mr. O'Connor is a Democrat and served very ably as constable for ten years and refused to serve longer, having no aspirations for public office, preferring to devote his time exclusively to his general farming and stock raising pursuits. He is widely known as a breeder of Belgian horses of a very high grade, also handles all kinds of good live stock, and, all in all, he is one of the prominent farmers and citizens of Waterford township. He was brought up in the Catholic church, from which faith he has never departed.

Mr. O'Connor was married to Mary E. Bulger, who was born on the old homestead, where she yet lives, in 1866, the daughter of John and Catherine (O'Brian) Bulger, both natives of Ireland, coming to America when young,

and they were married at Barrington, Illinois. Soon afterwards they moved to near Fulton, that state, where Mr. O'Connor worked on a farm, later bought and improved a good farm, fed and shipped cattle and was a successful farmer and stock man. Politically, he was a Democrat and filled several minor township offices. He invested in various tracts of land about Charlotte, Clinton county, and became a well known citizen here; being among the early settlers, he helped start the physical and moral development of the township. His death occurred in January, 1882. His wife survived and remained on the old home farm twenty years, then moved to Charlotte, where her declining years were spent, dying May 6, 1905. They both belonged to the Catholic church. Their children were: Eliza, Mrs. Johnson; Margaret, Mrs. John Reid; John remained single and is now deceased; Mary E., wife of the subject; Catherine married T. Homes; Alice married John E. Dunn, of New York, he being a lighthouse engineer.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. O'Connor: John, born August 9, 1889, is still a member of the home circle; Silviries, born June 16, 1893; Burnadate died young; Francis, born January, 1897; Alice, born July 11, 1899; Charles, born May 25, 1907.

Fraternally Mr. O'Connor is a Woodman and politically a Democrat. Mr. O'Connor remembers well the terrible blizzard of January 1, 1856, though he was only two years old at the time. He was with his father, who was on his way to Lyons, when they were overtaken by the terrible storm, and as a reminder of the storm he shows the absence of the index finger of his right hand. So severely was he affected by the cold that Mrs. Lauderbaugh, at whose house he took refuge, thought he was frozen to death. Mr. O'Connor tells another incident of his boyhood. He and his father found a deer eating their crops and they shot and wounded the animal. Instead of running away, he made at his pursuers and gave them a hard chase. The father yelled at Tom to get over the fence, which he proceeded to do with considerable alacrity. He says he was so scared he could have jumped a fourteen-rail fence if necessary.

OSCAR PERRY CORNISH.

The subject of this review was born in Oneida county, New York, October 15, 1846, and is a son of Charles Henry and Adaline (Clemens) Cornish, both natives of the Empire state. The subject's paternal grandparents, Stephen and Millicent (Blodgett) Cornish, were among the early

settlers of Oneida county. Concerning the Blodgetts, but little is known. Charles Henry Cornish, whose birth occurred in the above county, was by occupation a carpenter and blacksmith. He lived in his native state until 1855, when he moved to Illinois, thence, two years later, came to Clinton county, Iowa, where he purchased land and turned his attention to agriculture. The farm which he bought in 1863 is in Berlin township and he continued to live thereon until his death, which occurred on July 29, 1885. His first wife, whose name is given above, died in the latter part of 1848 and subsequently he married Euretta Lent, who survived him about sixteen years, departing this life September 3, 1902. By the first marriage there was only one child, the subject of this sketch; the second resulted in the birth of three sons and two daughters, one of the daughters, Mary, being deceased.

Oscar Perry Cornish was educated in the district schools of New York and Iowa, grew to maturity in close touch with the duties of farm life, and in 1864 enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war. He was but little under seventeen when he entered the army, and during the greater part of his period of enlistment he was on reserve service, principally in the state of Tennessee, where no active military operations then took place. Receiving an honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of service, he farmed one year in Clinton county, and then went to Du Page county, Illinois, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing. After becoming a proficient workman he again returned to Clinton county and started a shop in Berlin township, where he remained a short time, removing thence to Elwood, where he has since followed his trade with marked success, being now the proprietor of a large and well equipped establishment, in which all kinds of blacksmithing and certain lines of wood work are done.

As indicated above, Mr. Cornish is a skillful mechanic and since locating at Elwood his advancement has been rapid, his shop being the largest and best patronized of the kind in the town, and his success has been such that he now owns a handsome property and is in easy circumstances. From time to time he has been honored with important official positions, including that of justice of the peace, in which he has served continuously for over thirty years, and for three years he was secretary of the local school board. Politically, he wields a strong influence for the Republican party and fraternally holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all the offices in both subordinate lodge and encampment. He has a firm belief in revealed religion and for a number of years has been a zealous and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife being indentified with the church also and, like himself, active in its various lines of work.

Mr. Cornish was married in the year 1871 to Mrs. Catherine Sykes (nee Dobbler), who has borne him a large family of fifteen children, two of whom died in infancy; the names of those living are as follows: Francis Henry, William O., George P., Lawrence E., Albert B., Walter B., Julius D., Grace F., Floyd P., Gertrude C., Helen H., Earl M. and Louis M. Additional to these there was a child by the mother's previous husband, a son who answers to the name of John Sykes. Mr. Cornish and family are greatly respected in the town of Elwood, and have many warm friends among their large circle of acquaintances. He is enterprising and progressive, not only in his business, but as a citizen, in that he generously supports every measure for the public good, and lends his influence to whatever makes for the moral advancement of his fellow men. Those who know him best speak in high terms of his many estimable qualities; qualities of which he makes no boast or parade, being a quiet man who attends strictly to his own interests and lets actions, rather than words, give publicity to his worth.

ELIAS S. McCORD, M. D.

One of the representative members of the medical fraternity in Clinton county is Dr. E. S. McCord, of Delmar, whose name has long since become a household word to the people of western Clinton county, and he holds high rank among the eminent medical men of eastern Iowa, having thoroughly prepared himself for his chosen calling, practiced conscientiously and kept well abreast of the times in all research work and scientific investigation. His ability and courtesy have won the undivided confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is entirely unassuming, never seeking the praise of his fellow men, merely trying to do his full duty at all times as a physician and citizen.

Doctor McCord was born in Story county, Iowa, January 23, 1868. He is the son of Comodore P. and Sarah (Smith) McCord, the father born in Ohio and the mother in Illinois. The former was reared on a farm and grew to manhood in his native state, later emigrating to Wapello county, Iowa, where he met and married Sarah Smith, who had moved there with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. McCord moved to Story county, Iowa, after their marriage and located on a farm there, where they became well established and were influential and highly respected. The father died in 1886, at the age of sixty years, leaving a widow and nine children. Doctor McCord is the eighth child in order of birth of this family. Mrs. Comodore McCord at present lives in Nevada, Iowa.

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Comodore McCord was one of the defenders of the Stars and Stripes during the great civil strife of the early sixties, having enlisted in Company K, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, in 1862. He had served but three months when, at the battle of Black River Bridge, he was shot through the knee with a minie ball. He was compelled to have his limb amputated and received an honorable discharge on account of disability. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic up to the time of his death.

Doctor McCord was educated in the public schools of Story county, Iowa, later attending the Iowa State College, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Drake University in 1894, having early in life had an ambition to become a medical practitioner, consequently he bent every effort in this direction and was exceptionally well equipped for his life work. During vacations, while attending the medical school referred to above, he took hospital practice. In the summer of 1894 he located in Delmar, Iowa, and practiced there very successfully until September, 1902, when he left there and moved to Ames, Story county, where he resumed his practice with his usual success until 1905, when he returned to Delmar and again opened an office, much to the gratification of the citizens of this community. He has always enjoyed here a large and growing practice and he ranks second to none of his contemporaries as a general practitioner. He is a member of the Clinton County, Second District, State and American Medical Associations, and fraternally he belongs to the Masons, having been master of Monitor Lodge No. 330, of Delmar. Politically, he is a Republican, and has long taken an abiding interest in the affairs of his party and given freely of his time and means in the support of any movement having for its object the general development of this community. He is at present candidate for representative to the state Legislature and his candidacy is regarded as a very fortunate one by all classes, for he is known to be a man of ability, well informed on all current topics, keeping fully abreast of the times not only in matters pertaining to his profession, but on all issues on which men and parties divide, and in all trusts reposed in him he has shown himself to be loyal in the discharge of his duties. He is the physician of the board of health at Delmar. Religiously, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at this place and is a liberal supporter of the same.

The Doctor's domestic life began in December, 1895, when he married Jennie Sidle, who was born in Bloomfield township, this county. She is a lady of culture and refinement and the daughter of John and Malinda (Anderson) Sidle, an excellent old family of Bloomfield township. Mrs. McCord was called to her rest on January 17, 1907, when thirty-eight years of age. This union was without issue.

SETH L. COLLINS.

For many years Seth L. Collins, prominent agriculturist and business man of the vicinity of Charlotte, Clinton county, has filled a large place in the industrial affairs of this locality, as an energetic, enterprising, far-sighted man, whose judgment is seldom at fault and whose influence has made for the upbuilding of the community. Mr. Collins was born in Jefferson county, New York, March 6, 1853. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and a business college, graduating in 1875. He is the son of John D. and Lydia (Carter) Collins, she of Massachusetts and he of Canada. They were married in the state of New York. The Collins family were of Irish descent, the mother's people coming from New England. When a young man the father was a stage driver and afterward married and engaged in farming. His first wife was a Miss Percy, of the state of New York. To this union four daughters and one son were born. The son, William Collins, enlisted in the volunteer service when but fifteen years of age. He was home on a furlough and, though his father could have kept him from the service because of his youth, he was permitted to return. Soon he received injuries from the effects of which he died in the hospital. Augusta yet lives in New York. Mary died in western Iowa. Louisa, now Mrs. Hicks, lives on a farm in Deep Creek township. The father's second marriage also took place in New York state, and he settled on a farm where he remained until 1854, when he moved to Illinois. One year later he moved to Iowa and located in Deep Creek township, bought and settled a farm, where he remained during his life and passed to his rest in 1869. He was a Republican and at an early day was township trustee, filling that position many years; he was also township treasurer, and filled other minor offices of the township. He was an educator and worked for the schools. He gave his family all his attention and, being a broad-minded, intelligent business man, helped lay the foundation of a good government in Clinton county. He was strictly a moral man and reared his children to respect the Sabbath. He was well posted in all public matters. In those early days, when there was no public conveyance, he had to go to De Witt to get school money. He helped establish the moral and physical development of the county and lay the foundation for good government. He underwent all the deprivations and hardships such as all early settlers were compelled to do, and he was well known and highly respected for his sterling worth and integrity. He died February 2, 1869, in his sixty-eighth year. His wife survived and kept the family together and reared them to credit and respectability, as none but a good mother could do. She died on July 3, 1896,

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aged eighty-three years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The following were the children born to these parents: Bowen C., a mechanic, died in 1873, leaving a wife; Seth L., the subject; Robert I., a farmer; Houghton L., a farmer; Orville E., a railroad engineer.

The subject remained under the parental roof during his youth and took up the study of law with Judge A. J. Leffingwell, of Lyons, and spent one year there. He then returned home and farmed, but continued the studying of law at home; but later abandoned the law altogether before being admitted to the bar, although he could have passed the examinations.

Mr. Collins was married in 1878, then settled on the old homestead and he has also bought and rented other farms and in 1881 bought one-half section of land in northwestern Iowa, which he has since sold. He continued at the old home farm until lately, when he sold it and erected a handsome residence in Charlotte, where he will soon retire from active farming. In 1907 he assisted in organizing the Goose Lake Bank, was made cashier and he took up his duties, but later resigned. He still holds stock, however, and is also a stockholder in the Fish wagon factory at Clinton.

Politically, Mr. Collins is a Republican and has been elected justice of the peace three times, the first time when twenty-three years old, and filled this office two terms, refusing to hold it any longer. He has served three times as township clerk and was school treasurer twenty-five years, and for many years was school director. He is a broad minded business man and has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people all public trusts imposed in him. He is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been a member of this order since 1875, belonging to Lodge No. 252, Preston, Iowa.

Mr. Collins married Ellen Spurrell, who was born in Clinton county, April 19, 1858. She is a lady of intelligence and culture, a worthy wife and good helpmeet. She is the daughter of James and Eliza (Worth) Spurrell, both natives of England, where they were married. They came to America in 1853, first to Jackson county, Iowa, where they lived for two years and then moved to Deep Creek township, Clinton county. He died in May, 1901, and his wife on January 10, 1911, in her ninety-third year, being buried at Charlotte. The father improved a farm in Deep Creek township and was prosperous and created a good estate. He was a Republican, but never aspired to office. On coming to Deep Creek township, he bought land and to get his title deeds walked to Iowa City. When he first came to America he worked at the construction of roads and such other work as he could find to do in

order to get a start. His nearest trading place was Lyons and he used an ox team. No man is now more worthy of an honored place in Clinton county history than James Spurrell. He became well known and was highly respected. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a devoted worker in the same. He helped organize and erect church houses, and was trustee for many years. To him and his wife were born the following children: Walter, a farmer now deceased, who went through the Rebellion; John, a farmer at Wall Lake, Iowa; Arthur, a farmer at the old homestead, owns large tracts of land in South Dakota; George is a farmer in South Dakota; Ellen is the wife of the subject. To the subject and wife have been born four interesting sons, viz: George D., an employe of Mr. Shaff, vice-president of the Lake Shore railroad; Roscoe C., a farmer in South Dakota; Harry L., who is a farmer and runs a steam thresher; Miron E., now in Chicago, Illinois, working in the Rambler automobile shops.

HANS HENRY PETERSEN.

High on the list of the influential and prominent citizens of Elk River township stands the name of H. H. Petersen, the genial cashier of the Teeds Grove Savings Bank. Mr. Petersen was born in Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa, on December 24, 1862, the son of Peter and Sophia M. (Stock) Petersen, both natives of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. His mother came to this country in 1852, on a sailing vessel, which landed at New Orleans, and then proceeded by steamboat to Davenport, Iowa. His father landed at New York in the same year, came to Chicago, and Freeport, Illinois, then the terminus of the Northwestern, by rail, and walked and worked the remainder of the distance to Savanna, Illinois, and on to Sabula. His first effort was to invest his small amount of money, saved from his wages as a farm hand in Germany, at twelve dollars per year, in land in Elk River township, after which he found employment in the construction of the lower pike from the bluff to Sabula, Iowa, working for seventy-five cents per day and boarding himself. While engaged in this work, he met and married his wife, and then set about improving his land. He found wood, water and stone, and made a permanent settlement, opening his land for farming. In early times he went through many privations usual with the first settlers, and found his greatest trouble in raising money to pay his taxes, going to De Witt on foot to do that. But hard work and honest dealing brought him to the front and

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enabled him to add to his farm until it consisted of two hundred acres, which he held until 1907, he himself having retired from active work and removed to Lyons in 1887.

Peter Petersen was proud of his adopted country and of the opportunities which it opened before his family. In politics he was a Democrat and steadily supported the principles of the party; in religion he had been brought up a Lutheran and never departed from the faith. As a farmer he was hard working and looked carefully after his business, as a citizen he was well known and highly respected, and his honor and integrity were above reproach. He died in Lyons, on January 1, 1910; his wife had preceded him on November 12, 1909. They reared twelve children: Detlef, a farmer in Nebraska; the fifth child died young in 1862; H. H. was the sixth; August, the seventh, is a mechanic at Rocky Ford, Colorado; Emil died at the age of fourteen; the ninth and tenth children died young; Otto, of Loup City, is treasurer of Sherman county, Nebraska; Augusta died at the age of nine.

H. H. Petersen grew up on the farm and attended the district schools, and has obtained a good practical education. When twenty-two years old he left the home farm and went to Loup City, Nebraska, where he remained two years, during which time he was married. On his return to Clinton county at the end of this time he rented the home farm and his father moved to Lyons. For five years he remained on this farm, then moved to Teeds Grove and bought the store there which he operated fourteen years, during which time he was postmaster. This venture was very successful, and in 1905 he closed out his stock and he and his wife made a visit to Europe, traveling in England, France, Germany and Denmark. On his return he again purchased the store, including the building, which he had formerly rented, and added agricultural implements to his stock. Early in 1906 he sold the building and stock except for the implements, and later in the year sold that business In the autumn of 1906 he organized the Teeds Grove Savings Bank, with a capital of ten thousand dollars, a bank of discount and deposit organized under state laws, Mr. Petersen holding a controlling interest in the stock. This bank does a general banking business, including the buying and selling of exchange, and is conducted on the strictest business principles by Mr. Petersen, who has proved himself a financier, and has made the bank one of the solid institutions of the county. At present the deposits amount to seventy-three thousand dollars. The bank owns the good building which it occupies.

Mr. Petersen is a strong Democrat, well informed on all matters pertaining to state and national affairs, and has held some offices of importance,

first being elected road overseer, later township tax collector, then in 1897 he was elected township clerk and has been re-elected each year since. He is also a notary public, and for many years was in the insurance business, carrying agencies for four standard companies. In fraternal relations he is a thirty-second-degree Mason and a Mystic Shriner, a member of the Odd Fellows, in which organization he has filled all the chairs, and he and his wife are members of the Rebekahs.

H. H. Petersen was married in 1884 to Gertrude Hansen, a native of Germany, daughter of Christian Hansen, who came from Germany to Jackson county, Iowa, and became connected with a creamery as milk collector, and later moved to Nebraska, where he farmed for some years, until he retired to Loup City because of advancing age. He was very attentive to his business and has been successful. Both he and his wife are living. They are the parents of the following children: Peter and Nicholas, farmers; Gertrude, Mrs. Petersen; Amelia, now Mrs. Otto Petersen; Hannah, now Mrs. William Baird; and Louisa, now Mrs. John Solm. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Petersen were the parents of one son, John H., now in the insurance business, who married Lucia Thompson, the daughter of John Thompson.

Mrs. Gertrude Hansen Petersen died June 22, 1894, and Mr. Petersen was married again on August 7, 1895, to Caroline Petersen, the daughter of Jurgen Petersen, who came from Germany in 1865 to Clinton county and became a prominent and respected farmer. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church, and are both dead. They were the parents of three children: Caroline; Anna, now Mrs. A. Andersen; and Henry H., of Teeds Grove. Mrs. Caroline Petersen is a lady of much refinement and intelligence.

Mr. Petersen loans his private funds on good farm securities, is a stockholder in the Goose Lake Savings Bank, owns a good home in Teeds Grove, and is one of the financially solid men of his township. Personally he is a very agreeable and accommodating gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to meet.

HALLECK W. SEAMAN.

The strong, earnest men of a people are always public benefactors and their usefulness in the immediate specific labors they perform can be defined by metes and bounds, but the good they do through the forces they put in motion and through the inspiration of their presence and example is immeasur-

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ably an infinite gauge or standard of value. Halleck W. Seaman, too well known in railroad, legal and financial circles of the Middle West to need a formal introduction to the readers of this work, is a man of this type. Every life, if properly known, contains more or less of interest and the public claims a certain property right in the career of every citizen, regardless of his achievements or the station he has attained. To surmount obstacles and emerge from every unfavorable environment to the first place of monetary credit and power can be the fortune of only a rarely gifted personage, like Mr. Seaman, who has shown that eminent business talent is composed of a combination of high mental and moral attributes. It is not simply energy and industry; there must be sound judgment, breadth of capacity, rapidity of thought, justice and firmness, the foresight to perceive the drifting tides of business and the will and ability to control them, and, withal, a collection of minor but important qualities to regulate the details of the pursuits which engage attention. Mr. Seaman affords a striking exemplification of this talent, if not in its highest development, yet an extraordinary character and he has achieved a reputation which places him among the first of Clinton county's distinguished men of affairs.

Mr. Seaman was born at Clinton, Iowa, on September 26, 1860, the son of Richard S. and Emma (Carter) Seaman. Halleck W. received his education in the local schools and at the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, where he made an excellent record and from which he was graduated with the class of 1882 as an engineer. Then turning his attention to the legal profession, he began reading law with Judge George B. Young of Clinton, Iowa, a noted attorney.

It was in 1883 that Mr. Seaman began the study of law and he practiced with pronounced success at Clinton, Iowa, until 1901, having been admitted to the bar in 1887. He still maintains his law office at Clinton, the firm of which he is a member, Chase, Seaman & Sutton, being still actively engaged in the practice and constituting one of the strongest firms in the state.

As an attorney Mr. Seaman has always stood high in a community noted for the high order of its legal talent. He is painstaking, cautious, vigilant, untiring, keeping fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to his specialty—corporation law—notwithstanding the fact that he is the head of business affairs of great magnitude and which necessarily consume much time and attention.

Among the many noteworthy projects which Mr. Seaman has carried to successful issue may be mentioned the building of the Ozark & Cherokee Central railway, the Muskogee Southern, the Lorain & West Virginia railway

(now operated by the Wheeling & Lake Erie railway), the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary railway and numerous other railroads.

At present Mr. Seaman holds the office of president in the following corporations: Lorain & West Virginia Railway Company; Tremont & Gulf Railway Company; Minneapolis & Rainy River Railway Company; Manistee & Grand Rapids Railway Company; Groveton, Lupkin & Northern Railway Company; Gary & Southern Traction Company; a director and one of the syndicate managers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary railway; director in the City National Bank, Clinton, Iowa; president of the American Wire Fabrics Company, of Clinton, the Trojan Mining Company and is interested in many other institutions. Mr. Seaman was for fifteen years a member of the board of directors of the Clinton public schools. He was largely instrumental in organizing the park commission of the city of Clinton, and has been chairman of the board since its organization.

Mr. Seaman is a member of the Wapsipinicon Club of Clinton, the Union League and Yacht Clubs of Chicago and of the Union Club of Cleveland.

The domestic life of Mr. Seaman began on December 28, 1887, when he was united in marriage with Helen V. Scott, a lady of culture and refinement, and the union has been graced by the birth of two children, Dwight Scott and Mildred A., the latter of whom died when twelve years of age.

As a business man, fully in touch with the progress of the times, Mr. Seaman easily stands in the front rank among his compeers in the great commonwealth of Iowa, being broad-minded and liberal in his relations with the public and possessing a genius for large and important undertakings. His judgment has ever been sound and seldom at fault, his foresight clear and accurate, these qualities, with shrewd tact and well developed common sense, enabling him to achieve a series of continued successes such as few in a much longer life attain. His private life has been marked by honor, integrity and a strong sense of justice, which have won for him the confidence and esteem of all who come within range of his influence, and with an abiding interest in the welfare of his fellow men, he has been active in promoting the general good.

JOHN W. McMILLIN.

The subject of this sketch is an honorable representative of two old families that figure quite prominently in the early history of the various parts of the Hawkeye state. The McMillins were Pennsylvanians and

among the well-known people of the county in which they originally settled at a date prior to the war for independence. William and Elizabeth McMillin, the subject's grandparents, moved to Clinton county, Iowa, about the year 1854 and entered a tract of land in Liberty township, later transferring their residence to the township of Brookfield, where they spent the remainder of their days on a farm. They were among the early settlers of the two localities in which they lived, and are remembered as a very worthy couple, who spared no pains to make agreeable the lots of their neighbors and friends, and whose influence was ever on the side of morality and right. Among their children was a son by the name of John H. McMillin, who was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Iowa with the family in 1854. He grew to maturity in Clinton county, and when a young man married Sarah M. Boyd, whose parents, John A. and Elizabeth Boyd, migrated from Pennsylvania to Iowa in an early day and located at Rock Island. Later they removed from that place to Davenport, Iowa, thence to Clinton county, and settled in Olive township, where their respective deaths occurred a number of years ago.

John McMillin and Elizabeth Boyd were mere children when the two families moved to Iowa, and they grew up and married in Clinton county. He early turned his attention to agriculture, and in due time became one of the leading farmers of his township, leaving at his death a fine estate of two hundred forty acres, which was well improved and of considerable value. He was a quiet, law-abiding citizen, who devoted a great deal of attention to his family and who labored zealously to discriminate the principles of morality and godliness among the settlers with whom he cast his lot. Mrs. McMillin died March 2, 1884, and he on the 13th day of January, 1904; of their family of five children, all but one are living.

John W. McMillin, to a review of whose career the remainder of this sketch is devoted, was born on the family homestead in Brookfield township, December 19, 1869. He was reared amid the quiet scenes of rural life, enjoyed the advantages of superior home training and received his education in the district schools. When old enough he took his place in the fields and did his proportionate share in the cultivation of the farm, and assisted his father until arriving at an age to begin life for himself, when he chose agriculture for a vocation. For some years he was undecided as to where he should locate, and about the year 1890 he started on a series of places, the first being in Sac county, this state, where he remained a short time, going thence to Montana, where, he was satisfied, were better opportunities than in the older states. After a brief sojourn

in that territory, he went to Missouri, but not being pleased with the country there, moved to western Iowa, where he remained one year, at the expiration of which time, in 1905, he returned to his native county and bought a farm of one hundred twenty acres in Brookfield township, where he has since lived and succeeded well as a tiller of the soil.

Mr. McMillin has brought his land to a high state of cultivation and made a number of improvements, which are among the best in the township. He is progressive in his ideas and tendencies, cultivates the soil with modern means and according to the most approved methods, and in connection therewith raises considerable live stock, making a specialty of Polled Angus cattle, in the breeding and raising of which he has been quite successful. Since returning to Clinton county he has given close attention to his farm, and his labor and management have been such that he now has one of the most desirable homes in the community, also a sufficiency of means to place him in easy circumstances. Mr. McMillin is not only a prosperous agriculturist, but a public spirited citizen as well, being interested in all that concerns the material advancement of his township and county or the general welfare of the people.

Active, energetic and enterprising, he has done much to promote the social and moral progress of the community in which he resides and on matters of public movement gives his support to men and measures that, in his judgment, make for the best interests of the people.

Mr. McMillin was married on the 6th day of June, 1903, to Susan E. Dilly, of Tennessee, the union being without issue. Mr and Mrs. McMillin are held in high esteem and have a large circle of friends in their own and other localities. They are prominent in the social life of the community and their home is the abode of a generous hospitality, which makes it a popular place of resort for old and young. Mr. McMillin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MARTIN A. DISBROW.

Judging from the laudatory statements of a wide coterie of friends and acquaintances of the late Martin A. Disbrow, no citizen of Clinton county in recent years so indelibly impressed his personality upon the people here. A cursory glance at his honorable and eminently useful career is sufficient to show the genuine worth of the man, and the fact that he was unqualifiedly

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popular with all classes is criterion enough of his exemplary character. Such a life is deserving of emulation and of a place on the pages of history.

Mr. Disbrow was the scion of a sterling old New England family, his birth having occurred at New Fairfield, Connecticut, July 29, 1832, and there he spent his boyhood and was educated; but he spent the major part of his life in Clinton county, Iowa, having followed the tide of emigration here some fifty years ago, and was one of the influential pioneers, becoming especially prominent as a sash and door manufacturer at Lyons, and he did his full share in the development of the city and community. His mother died when he was three years old and he went to live with his grandparents, who proved to be strict disciplinarians and their teachings manifested themselves in the fine character the boy displayed in subsequent life. He was reared on a farm, where he did a man's work when but a child. When nineteen years of age he went to the great city of New York. In the metropolis he engaged in the struggle to place country milk in opposition to the swill-fed milk of Long Island dealers. He won by working twenty hours a day, but finally collapsed under the strain with lung fever; however, he came out of New York with sixteen hundred dollars fairly earned. Deciding to cast his fortunes in the west, he made the journey to the end of the railroad, which then was at Rochelle, Illinois, and from there he went overland to Lyons, Iowa. Finding the place to his liking, he determined to make it the scene of his future operations, and Iowa remained to him the leader of states, the ideal home section.

From the *American Lumberman*, of Chicago, is quoted the following which deals with his business career in Lyons: "There is a sash and door manufacturing establishment at Lyons, Iowa, whose career is a useful example of what can be done by a man who could at any age be called a genius, who has none of those showy qualities that attract the admiring attention of the unthinking, and yet whose life has been eminently successful.

"M. A. Disbrow was a man who demonstrated the power of a sane mind in a sound body, tireless industry and unshakable integrity. The story of the life of such a man seldom has anything in it spectacular, but it does have those plain, simple lessons in fundamental matters which are so especially needed in this day and age.

"M. A. Disbrow's first shop in Lyons was twenty-four by forty-eight feet, in an unattractive building, his scanty machinery driven by an engine of thirty horse power capacity. At the time of his death, on August 7, 1906, his factory was one hundred and fifty feet by two hundred and sixty-four feet, with an average of two stories high and an engine of four hundred and fifty horse power capacity. It is by no means one of the largest sash and door factories

in the country, but it is recognized as one of the best. The excellent factory methods and the resultant excellent product are known far and wide, but on this occasion it is not the factory, the methods or the business, but the man himself. In every business it is the man who is of the greatest importance. He is the creator, the main-spring, the re-organizer, if fire or other disaster comes. He is the life, while the business is only the material result. Mr. Disbrow was the sole manager of his business, although past three score and ten years, handling his large affairs with ease, being regular at his desk. At first sight the visitor would say that the stout, stockly built man, with grizzly hair and beard, was a German and to judge from his makeup would expect him to speak bruskly, but he would have been mistaken and in regard to his manner of speaking would have been most agreeably surprised. Mr. Disbrow was a Connecticut Yankee and in speech was as quiet and as gentle as a woman. While he built up a large business, he thought of other things than his factory. The ripeness of old age meant the ripeness of a well spent life, as it always does. Emphatically, Mr. Disbrow was an exponent of work. In his opinion work was the salvation of the individual and of the world, it being the lever that raises people to the position of usefulness. The idea that a man should seek an education as a means to avoid doing his share of the work was an idea revolting to him. Toward the end of his career, he gave evidence of the lonesomeness of old age, and was heard to express his willingness to follow his old friends and neighbors, the elder Lamb, Joyce and Young, to the undiscovered country, they having preceded him to the grave."

Mr. Disbrow was a man of great moral courage, honorable and just in all the relations of life, and his many kindly and noble deeds will never be forgotten by the people of this locality.

E. M. AIKMAN.

Holding worthy prestige among the leading farmers and stock raisers of Spring Valley, and exercising a strong influence in the public affairs of the same, is E. M. Aikman, who was born in said township on the 15th day of September, 1856. His father, Henry H. Aikman, was a son of Alexander and Esther Aikman, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and England, who came west about 1838. Previous to that time, however, they had gone to Canada, and it was while moving from that country to Iowa in the above year that Mrs. Aikman took sick near Chicago, Illinois, and died ere arriving

at her destination. Alexander Aikman entered land in various parts of Clinton county, Iowa, took an active part in the county organization, and became one of the leading citizens of the community in which he settled; he died a number of years ago, and is remembered as a man of sterling worth and a true pioneer of the period in which he lived.

Henry H. Aikman, son of Alexander and, as already stated, the subject's father, was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and came west a single man, as early as the year 1837, and was among the first prominent settlers of Clinton county, Iowa. Henrietta Johnson, daughter of John and Dorothy Johnson, of France and England respectively, came to Iowa about the same time as Mr. Aikman, and a few years later the two were married and located on eighty acres of land in what is now Spring Valley township, which he had previously purchased from the government. They were among the first settlers in that part of the county, and the farm which Mr. Aikman cleared and improved was for some years a landmark in a region in which few improvements of any kind had been previously made. Before coming west, Mrs. Aikman had lived in Ohio, to which state her parents moved at an early day from Pennsylvania and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Aikman labored diligently to establish a home in a new and sparsely settled country, experienced the vicissitudes of pioneer life, and lived to see the county of Clinton developed from a wilderness to one of the finest and most progressive counties in the eastern part of the state. He died November 1, 1871, his widow surviving him until November 17, 1909, when she was called to her final reward at the advanced age of ninety years. John and Dorothy Johnson, parents of Mrs. Aikman, came to America in a very early day, and settled in Pennsylvania, where they lived for a number of years, later moving to Ohio, when that state was in the outskirts of civilization, and there spending the rest of their days. They, too, figured actively as pioneers, and are remembered as a most excellent and praiseworthy couple, many of whose sturdy and amiable qualities have been reproduced in their descendants. Henry and Henrietta Aikman had two children, E. M., of this review, and F. E., both living.

E. M. Aikman was reared in the family homestead in Clinton county, and received his educational discipline in the public schools. Being but fifteen years of age at the time of his father's death, much of the labor and responsibility of the farm fell to him, and as long as the mother lived he and his brother managed the homestead and looked after her interest and comfort. At her death the farm fell to the two brothers, and together they now own and operate the same, being among the leading farmers of the township and as neighbors and citizens enjoying the esteem and confidence of all with whom they mingle. In connection with the cultivation of the soil, the Aikman brothers

have received much more than local repute as breeders and raisers of horses, making a specialty of pure-bred Percherons, which they have sold extensively throughout the state. They began breeding about fourteen years ago, and in the meantime have raised some of the finest horses ever placed upon the Iowa market, the demand for the animals among the leading horsemen of this and other states far exceeding the supply. At the present time they have ten of these superior steeds, which have been pronounced by competent judges to be unexcelled by any like number of animals in the state. As tillers of the soil, their success has likewise been encouraging, and in point of productiveness and improvements their farms compare favorably with the best in the township, the buildings being substantial and in good repair, the fencing first-class and the part of the place devoted to agriculture in a high state of cultivation, every feature of the premises bearing testimony to the enterprise of the proprietors.

E. M. Aikman is one of the leading Republicans of his township and ever since his twenty-first year has been almost continually in office. He was an influential factor in bringing about the present township organization, has been trustee ever since the same went into effect, and for a period of twenty-six years has served as treasurer of the school board, besides manifesting a commendable interest in all laudable measures for the advancement of the community and the general good of the people. Personally he is greatly esteemed by his neighbors and fellow citizens, and wherever known his name stands for upright conduct, honorable dealing and a high standard of manhood and citizenship. Religiously he is a Methodist and, with his wife, is active and influential in the local church to which he belongs, also a liberal contributor to its various works and benevolences.

Mr. Aikman, on the 1st day of February, 1898, was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Alice Aikman, who, though of the same name as his own, is in no wise related by ties of blood. Her father, Jacob Eager, is a native of Massachusetts, in which state she also was born. Mr. and Mrs. Aikman are the parents of one daughter, Alice H., a bright young miss, who is a pupil of the district school of the neighborhood.

CHRISTIAN LUND.

The subject of this review is a native of Germany and was born in the city of Hadersleben, on the 14th of November, 1869. His parents, Jacob and Christina (Halst) Lund, were born in what was formerly Danish territory,

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but after the war between that country and Germany the province referred to fell to the latter nation, by which it has since been retained. Jacob Lund was a sailor and followed the sea from early youth, until his death by drowning, in the year 1889. A brave, fearless and eminently capable man, he visited in the line of his duty nearly every port in the world, and met his death in the gulf of Aberander, a short distance off the coast of the North sea, not very far from the place of his birth. Some time after her husband's death, Mrs. Lund came to the United States and spent the remainder of her life with her son, Christian, of this review. Of the nine children born to Jacob and Christian Lund, all but one are living, five in America and two in their native land.

Christian Lund was educated in Heissager Strand, Germany, and while still a mere youth he aided his father in the latter's work on the sea. He spent his early life in his native town, and in 1886, when about seventeen years old, came to the United States, locating at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he supported himself during the eleven years ensuing by farm labor. At the expiration of that period, he came to Clinton county, where he rented land until 1908, when he bought the W. H. Irving farm, in Brookfield township, which during the twelve years preceding he had cultivated for a share of the proceeds. Mr. Lund's farm consisted originally of two hundred and forty acres, but recently he sold eighty acres, reducing the place to its present limits of a quarter section. He has brought the land to a high state of cultivation, and made a number of substantial improvements in the way of buildings, fences, etc., so that the farm at this time compares favorably with any of like area in the township. Although deeply interested in agriculture, which he carries on with a marked success, he is perhaps better known as a breeder and raiser of fine live stock, devoting special attention to short horned cattle and Poland China hogs, quite a number of which fine animals he markets every year.

Mr. Lund is highly respected and has been closely identified with the growth and prosperity of his township and county. He is a Republican in politics, and was reared a Lutheran, to which religious faith he still inclines. By industry and close attention to his farming interests, he has accumulated a competence, and his high character and rigid honesty command the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

On November 11, 1895, Mr. Lund was happily married to Mrs. Ruth Maynard (nee Parmer), of Indiana, a daughter of John and Sarah Parmer, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively, and since 1871 well known residents of Clinton county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lund, namely: Arnold, Arlo and Marlin, the two older twins, Arnold being de-

ceased. By a previous marriage with Mr. Maynard, Mrs. Lund had a daughter, Mattie, who lives with the family.

Mr. Lund left his native land when a lad of seventeen, and on taking passage for America he was suspected of not having the proper passport, hence, shortly after the vessel left port, he was seized and thrust into the hold as a prisoner. After being held until the officers of the ship were satisfied, he was released. He landed on American soil a friendless and well nigh penniless stranger, and upon his arrival at Maquoketa, Iowa, he was twenty dollars in debt, besides having been three days without food. His rise from this position of abject poverty to his present position of affluence was slow at first, but, possessing a will which hesitated at no obstacle and a courage born of a determination to succeed, he gradually surmounted the many difficulties in his way, and in due time found himself on the high road to success and fortune. His continued advancement, in spite of all opposition, indicates ability of no common order, as he received no aid whatever from outside sources, the conspicuous place he now occupies, both as an enterprising farmer and public spirited citizen, being due entirely to his own efforts. Mr. Lund is putting up a large horse barn, forty by sixty feet, and water works all over his place to make it convenient for stock raising.

PETER F. SCHROEDER.

A well known and successful lumber dealer and progressive citizen of Charlotte, Clinton county, is Peter F. Schroeder, a man in whom the utmost confidence is reposed owing to the fact that he has always shown himself to be high minded and careful of his relations with his fellow men. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, June 6, 1869. He was reared in his native town and attended school there four years, also attended school two years after coming to America, which emigration was made when he was yet a boy. He is the son of John H. and Christina (David) Schroeder, both natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity and were married. The father served seven years in the German army, and, not wanting any of his sons to go through the same experience, he brought his family to America in 1879, having come direct to Clinton county, Iowa, and located at Goose Lake, Deep Creek township, where he joined his son, who had preceded him here about seven years. The latter had a very unique experience. In order to escape military service his father boxed him up and put him on board a vessel bound

for America and he remained in the box two or three days, but reached this country in safety. The father was a cabinetmaker and he arrived here with but small means. Here he first followed the carpenter's trade; he and his son later followed contracting and building, and, being fine workmen, were successful and the firm continued during the working days of the father. The son had bought for his father six acres of land at Goose Lake, where he established his home and built a commodious residence and good outbuildings, and there his wife yet resides, he having died on April 24, 1888. He voted the Democratic ticket and took an interest in party affairs and public matters, but he never cared for public office. He was a plain, quiet, honest man, a member of the Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a member; she is now eighty-one years of age. The following children were born to them: John H., whose experiences in escaping to America were related above; Catherine, Anna, Elizabeth, Mariah, Christina, Fred C., Peter F., of this review, and Maggie.

Peter F. Schroeder was ten years of age when he arrived in the United States. He remained at home, assisting his father as best he could during his boyhood days and later hired out as a farm hand, in fact he began working out when eleven years old, binding grain and doing hard work, receiving nine dollars per month the second year. He took readily to stock raising and gained some valuable experience raising hogs, Norman and Clydesdale horses. Later he assisted his father and brother in the contracting business for four years and a half, and in 1893 he engaged in contracting and building and was very successful, but one year later he established a lumber yard at Goose Lake and continued contracting for eight years, when he sold out and spent one year with his family traveling through the West prospecting. Returning to Clinton county, he bought four acres of land and started a lumber yard at Charlotte in 1901. He has a railroad switch through his yard and has erected a large storage house for keeping dry lumber. He has a good office and machinery plant, a gasoline engine and he runs a saw and planing mill, manufacturing almost everything used in the lumber line. He enjoys a very liberal patronage and has customers from remote parts of the county and is one of the best known lumber and mill men in this part of the county. He also maintains a large garage for housing automobiles and keeps all kinds of repairs and sells gasoline. He has an automobile for his own use and he sells autos. In his large yards may be found at all times a complete and carefully selected line of lumber, and he can furnish complete designs and drawings for the erection of houses, barns and other buildings or repairing. He also furnishes brick and cement blocks, lime,—in fact, all kinds of building material and

builders' supplies. He was given the contract for the Woodmen building at Charlotte, which is of brick and is now occupied by one of the banks, having a fine hall above. Mr. Schroeder has constructed a very large number of the best buildings in this town and surrounding country, and his work has always given the utmost satisfaction. He is one of the most up-to-date and enterprising business men in this section of the county, and no man has done more for the upbuilding and progress of Charlotte. He may be depended upon at all times to support any movement looking to the development of this town, whose interests he has at heart. He was largely responsible for obtaining the present splendid water works system and was active in securing cement walks and in getting the town incorporated. He has a most attractive and commodious residence, modern in every detail. He has been very successful as a business man and he is a stockholder in the Charlotte Savings Bank, also having stock in the local telephone system. Politically, he is independent and he belongs to the Lutheran church. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Schroeder was married to Carrie Naeve, who was born on a farm in Center township, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1872, the daughter of Nicholas Naeve, an early settler of this county and one of the most prominent of the early day farmers and stock men of the county. He was a large landowner and was identified with many branches of business. Starting with small means, he has by hard work become prosperous. He was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. His wife died in 1907. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom, Carrie, wife of the subject, was the youngest daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder the following children have been born: Lafayette, now fifteen years of age, is a student in the public schools; Louise, ten years of age, is also in school; Cora, Anna and Viola are at home.

CLAUS HENRY SCHMIDT.

Germany has contributed some of her best citizens to the United States—men who have here entered into the spirit of our institutions and have not only gained pecuniary independence for themselves, but have also been a distinct acquisition to our population. In taking up this review of the life of the worthy gentleman whose name appears above, the biographer calls attention to one who has by a life of earnest and consecutive endeavor won for himself the sincere respect of all who have come into contact with him. For many

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years he has been a potent factor in the civic and industrial life of Clinton county, where no man stands higher in the estimation of the people, in Brookfield township, where his fine farm and well improved property is located, only a glance at which is sufficient to show that he belongs to the thrifty German element who have done so much to upbuild our county, state and nation.

Claus Henry Schmidt was born in Germany on June 12, 1846, and is the son of John and Elsaber Witte, born natives of Germany also, the father born in 1816, and the mother in 1812. They grew to maturity in the fatherland, were educated and married there, and emigrated from those shores to the United States in 1869, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where they lived a year, then moved to Brookfield township, Clinton county, and bought eighty acres of land, and here they established a very comfortable home. Their family consisted of the following children: Peter D., Paul, Chris, Katherina (deceased), Mary, Anna (deceased), John, Willie, and Claus Henry, of this review. The parents of these children were excellent people and they gave their children every advantage possible and were highly respected in their community.

Claus H. Schmidt, of this sketch, attended school in Germany and there grew to maturity. He had heard of the great opportunities that existed in America and when a young man, in 1867, set sail for our shores, making the trip alone and two years prior to the coming of the rest of the family. He located in Davenport, Iowa, where so many of his countrymen had found good homes, and there he remained five years, working as a stone mason, a trade he learned in Germany, and, being very highly skilled at this, he found plenty of work, and, being economical, saved his money and soon had a good start. In 1872 he entered into partnership with his father and they carried on general farming in Clinton county. The father dying in 1874, the son purchased the place and took sole charge of it. He has prospered, being a hard worker and a good manager, and has not only made a very comfortable living and laid by a competency, but has added to his original purchase until he now has a very desirable and well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres on which he has erected modern, substantial and attractive buildings and is well fixed to make money and enjoy life. He has proved himself to be fully abreast of the times as a farmer and stock raiser.

Politically, Mr. Schmidt is a Republican and he has served as school director in a very acceptable manner; he is a member and liberal supporter of the Lutheran church.

On December 4, 1883, Mr. Schmidt was married to Kate Peters, who was born in Dillmorslen, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Wiepke Peters, a

well known and highly respected family living on a farm in Welton township. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt the following children have been born: Ferdinand, deceased; Mary, Matilda, Nellie, Rosa, Laura, Willie, Herbert, Elma and Della.

DEWITT H. PHILLIPS.

Widely known as an enterprising stock man, and ranking as one of the twentieth-century agriculturists and public-spirited citizens of Brookfield township, Dewitt H. Phillips is deserving of specific mention in this work. Being a product of the Old Dominion and the scion of an excellent Southern family, Mr. Phillips is the possessor of many of the qualities of head and heart that win "in the battle which men call life."

Mr. Phillips was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on October 21, 1858. He is the son of William and Hannah (Shaver) Phillips, both born in that county also, the father on June 4, 1817, and died in March, 1906, the mother's birth occurring on March 24, 1818, and her death in July, 1901. They were splendid people and claimed hosts of friends. William Phillips was a farmer by occupation and became the owner of two hundred and sixty acres which he brought up to a high state of cultivation and he was a large slave-owner. He was a typical Virginian of the old school, and was known for his free hospitality and his genteel manners. He emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, and first purchased four hundred acres in Brookfield township, on the north boundary line of the county, and finally became the owner of one thousand acres of valuable and desirable land. He became well-to-do through good management and industry. He was an extensive cattle feeder, besides a general farmer, and he became widely known as a stock man. He was true to the traditions of his ancestors and when the war between the states began he was loyal to his native state and fought as a gallant defender of the Stars and Bars under the leadership of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The family of William Phillips consisted of the following children, named in order of birth: Mrs. Margaret Devers, Mrs. Elizabeth Guyer, Mrs. Jennie Dyer, John (living in Maquoketa, Iowa), Dewitt H., of this review, and Mrs. Cornelia Kaufman.

Dewitt H. Phillips attended school in Brookfield township, and assisted his father with the general work about the farm in his boyhood days, starting life for himself when twenty-two years of age, farming on his father's place. He then bought a farm in Sac county, Iowa, where, for a period of three years,

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he farmed and raised stock, also fed stock extensively and got a good start. He then traded his place and moved back to Clinton county, and he is now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he has placed under high grade improvements, and he also owns other valuable lands, making a total of four hundred and fifty acres. He has always been a large cattle feeder and he is continuing that branch of his vocation with signal success, being known, like his father, as one of the leading cattle men of the county, and too, like him, a man of rare probity of character, his word being better than the bond of some men. Politically, he is a Democrat, and while he is interested in the general uplift of his community he does not find time to mingle much in political affairs. He has an attractive, modern and conveniently arranged home.

Mr. Phillips was married on February 4, 1880, to Marilla Goodenow, who was born on January 21, 1862, in Bloomfield township, this county, a lady of culture and the daughter of Royal and Sarah D. (Sherwood) Goodenow, a well known and highly respected family who first came to Clinton county in 1845 among the pioneers and settled in Bloomfield township. The following children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips: Mrs. Cornelia Dice, Mrs. Sarah Kozack, and Ralph Phillips.

JOSEPH MARX.

Among the residents of Spring Valley township few stand higher in the regard of their neighbors than does Mr. Marx. His experience in life has been varied, but he has concluded that the farm offers to a man of industry who is a good manager certain advantages which are not found in the city, and is now living a contented and successful life on one of the best farms in his township.

Joseph Marx was born in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, on April 17, 1867, the son of Theodore Marx, born in Germany in 1829, and Magdelina (Derba) Marx, born in Alsace-Lorraine, then a part of France. Theodore Marx's father conducted a brewery in Germany, and there his son learned the brewer's trade, in his father's establishment. Seeking to better himself, Theodore Marx emigrated to the middle western part of the United States in the early fifties, and worked at various places, among others at Galena, Illinois, then finally made his home in Lyons, Iowa. While at Galena he used to meet a leather buyer named Grant, with whom he became well acquainted,

but little dreamed that this quiet man would become the greatest soldier whom this country has produced in this century, General Grant. In Lyons Theodore Marx conducted a soda water factory for many years, during part of which time he had a force of men with wagons buying up beer over the country, and also kept a saloon for some time. He was noted far and wide as the best horse trader in the county. He always kept a good string of horses, dearly loved a horse trade, in which, being an expert, he was rarely beaten, and took much pride in this hobby.

Theodore Marx had many friends and was often urged to run for public office, but consistently refused to do so. His death occurred in February, 1897. Of his family of twelve children, but four are living, Joseph, Frank, Rosa and Mrs. Josephine Feddersen.

Joseph Marx grew up in Lyons and attended the public schools there. After becoming of age he went into partnership with his father in the saloon business, but later sold out and went on his father's farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Spring Valley township. Some years afterwards he bought this farm, on which he still resides, and carries on mixed farming, in which he has been very successful, and has a very well kept farm. Mr. Marx is a lover of good stock, especially of good horses, having inherited this trait from his father, and his horses and other stock are as good as can be found in the county.

On June 22, 1891, Mr. Marx was married to Anna Johnson, born in Jackson county, Iowa, July 31, 1870, the daughter of Claus Johnson, a farmer of that county. She has borne to him the following children: Arthur, born May 23, 1900; Carl, born August 7, 1903; Leon, born August 17, 1904; Joseph, born January 6, 1907; and Harry, born November 4, 1909. They are a bright and interesting family of young people.

Mr. Marx is of a cheerful and optimistic disposition which has gained many friends for him, and he takes much pride in his family.

JOHN J. GEHLSEN.

The name which appears at the head of this review is one well known in Elk River township as that of a gentleman who is one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of the county, and is the president of the Teed's Grove Savings Bank. John J. Gehlsen was born in the province of Holstein, Germany, on July 4, 1852, the son of Claus and Dorothy (Griebel) Gehlsen,

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both of that same province, where they were married and all of their children were born. In 1875 Claus Gehlsen and his entire family moved to America, landing at New York City and coming direct to Lyons, Iowa. He had a small amount of money, and his boys began to work out, while their father rented a farm and continued to give his attention to farming until his death, in 1901. In politics he was independent, voting for the men of his choice and having no aspirations to office. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran church. Claus Gehlsen was a plain, quiet, honest farmer. His wife died in 1889, long preceding him to a heavenly home. They were the parents of four children, John J.; Claus, who died after coming to America, aged twenty-four; Hans, a farmer in Illinois; and Catherine, now Mrs. John Gregg.

John J. Gehlsen received a good elementary education in the German schools. After coming to America he resided with his parents until 1884, the sons assisting their father in farming. Upon his marriage in 1884 he located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he had bought and on which he yet resides. He has made many improvements on this farm, and, while carrying on general farming, has given special attention to stock raising, grading up all kinds of stock, keeping Shorthorn cattle, and crossing the Poland China hog with the Jersey Red, with very satisfactory results, now having over one hundred head of this breed. While he breeds stock, he also buys on the market and feeds, and has been quite successful in his farming operations. In the fall of 1906 he assisted in the organization of the Teed's Grove Savings Bank, invested largely in the stock, and was elected president, which position he now holds. Lately he has added a timber tract to his lands. He is truly a self-made man, who by hard work, conservative and honest dealing, and good financiering has accumulated a good estate. Enterprising and public spirited, he is charitable to the afflicted and needy, and a good friend and neighbor. Politically he is a Republican, but never aspired to political preferment. Brought up in the Lutheran faith, he has never departed from it.

Mr. Gehlsen was married in 1884 to Carolina Petersen, who was born in Germany, is a lady of intelligence, a worthy wife and a good helpmate. She came to America with a brother in the spring of 1884, and five years later her father brought over the remainder of the family. John Petersen, her father, on arriving, located in Pottawatomie county, Iowa, where he rented a farm and was successful as a farmer, and now, having retired, lives at Walnut, Iowa, having accumulated a competency for his old age. He served in the German army, and was in the war of 1864 in that country. A member of the Lutheran church, he is a Christian gentleman, respected in every community

in which he has lived. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Petersen is the father of seven children: Dora, Mrs. J. Schueter; Caroline; Martin, a farmer; Julia, Mrs. Nelson; Engver, a farmer; Katie, Mrs. T. Grady; and Paul, a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gehlsen are the parents of the following children: Dora, at home; Anna, at home; John, carrier of a rural free delivery route; Henry, at home; Mary, a stenographer; Herman, a student; Leona, Alvina and Alfreda, in school. They are a most attractive and interesting family, and their home life is very pleasant.

Mr. Gehlsen is a member of the Odd Fellows and he and his wife are both members of the Rebekahs.

JULIUS M. JACKSON.

In mentioning the gentleman whose name heads this sketch it is well to record first that he is descended from an old family of the reliable English stock, that race whose language and habits of thought have indelibly fixed themselves on the American people, that composite of many races and nations, who are yet all anglicized by contact with the language, laws and institutions which are the bequest of the original English settlers to the people of America.

Julius M. Jackson was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on October 18, 1854, the son of Jarvis and Hannah (Fovargue) Jackson, natives of England, where they were married. The father of Jarvis Jackson had served in the British army, and received a wound, from the effects of which he died in England. Daniel Fovargue, the maternal grandfather of the subject, moved to this country with six of his thirteen children, and located in Clinton county, where he bought land and improved it, dying on the homestead in 1854. In England he had been a policeman and justice of the peace, but in this country did not care for political office. All of his family were members of the Episcopal church.

Jarvis Jackson was born in England on May 10, 1824, and came to America in 1850, the voyage on a sailing vessel occupying thirteen weeks. He reached Lyons, Iowa, the same year, where he was met by a brother of his wife. At first he rented land, then in 1854 bought the raw prairie, which he improved, cutting logs and hauling them to mill to get lumber to build his house. His means were small, but by hard work he managed to support his family, and later became a prominent farmer. He was a strong Democrat,

well informed on matters of state and national welfare, and filled many minor offices in the township. Jarvis Jackson was a man of excellent judgment and good business qualifications, who had won the respect of his neighbors. His death occurred on August 23, 1895; his wife, surviving him, has now passed her eightieth year. Both were members of the Episcopal church. They were the parents of five children: The first born, a daughter, died in infancy; Mary J. is the wife of James Brown; Julius M. was the third child; Emma C. resides with her mother; Andrew is a farmer of Elk River township.

Julius M. Jackson was reared in the honest toil of the farm, and attended the district schools: the first one of which he attended was a frame structure with no floor and benches for seats, three miles from his home. In 1871 and 1872 he attended Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He continued on the parental farm until his marriage, in 1877, when he rented a farm, on which he lived five years, then bought a farm in Franklin county, on which he remained six years, with much success. He then returned to Clinton county in 1889, and bought three hundred acres of land, which was poorly improved with buildings. He erected good buildings and brought up the fertility of the soil. Since returning to Clinton county he continued to feed many cattle and hogs, which he shipped to Chicago. He has also been a breeder of cattle, hogs, horses and sheep. Beginning the cattle business in 1878, he continued the same for thirty years. For many years Mr. Jackson gave his sole attention to his farm, later sold part of his original purchase, and bought and sold lands to a large extent, now holding one hundred and twenty acres, mostly in grass and timber, and loaning his surplus money on good farm mortgages. Politically he is a strong Democrat, and has filled some minor offices and school offices, being an especial friend of education, much interested in schools, and having given his children good educations. Mr. Jackson is a self-made man and has gained a considerable estate by hard work and honest dealing. Enterprising and public spirited, charitable and generous, he is a much esteemed friend and neighbor.

Mr. Jackson has been twice married, the first time to Mary McClintock, a native of this county, the daughter of Frank and Susan (Beard) McClintock. Her mother was born in Scotland, her father in Pennsylvania. For a number of years Frank McClintock was a steamboat man on the lower Mississippi, and during that time married in Pennsylvania, and in 1850 came to Clinton county, where he first rented and later bought a farm, on which he remained until his death. He was a Presbyterian and a Democrat. Mary was the sixth child in a family of eleven, seven sons and four daughters. By his first marriage Mr. Jackson was the father of the following children: Clara B., a

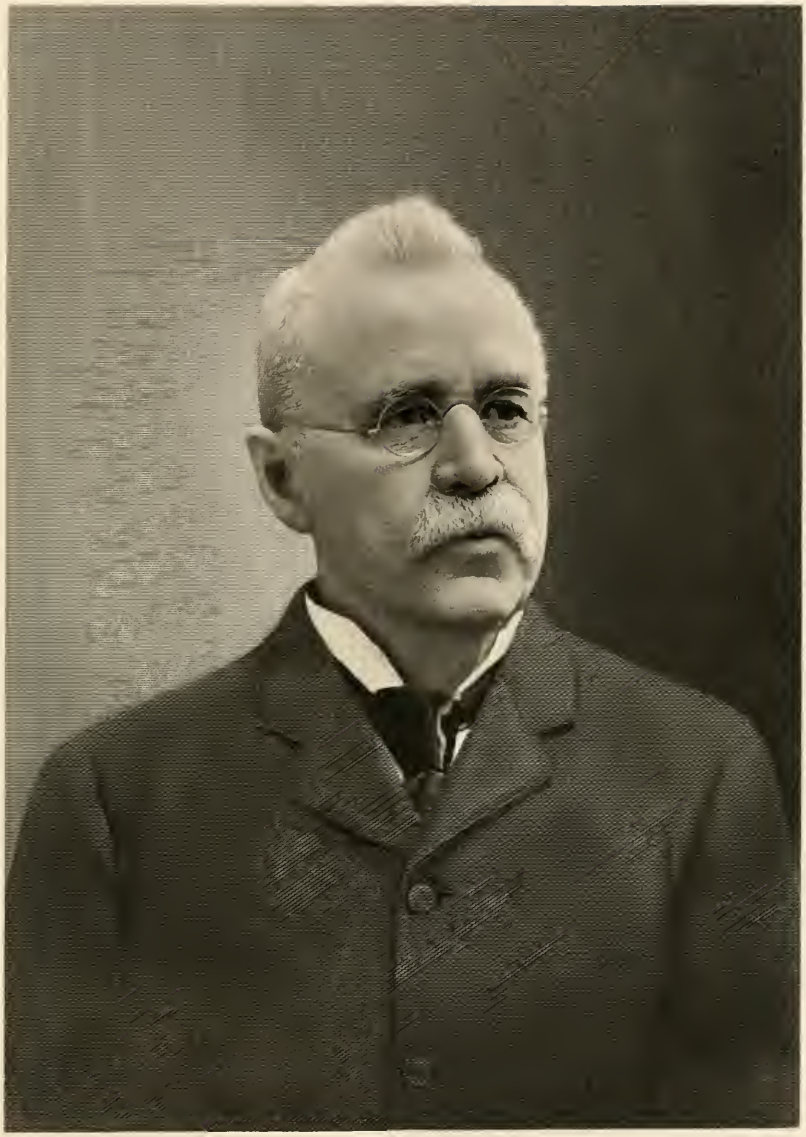
teacher; Mary S., the wife of Hans Smith, a mechanic; Jarvis W., married, a farmer; Florence, formerly a teacher, now Mrs. Edward Doyle; Leona W., the wife of Ernest Thomsen; Frank M., of Sabula, Iowa; Hannah J., a graduate of the Lyons high school, now a teacher; Byron R., at home; Gladys, a student, at home. Blanche died in 1895, when seven months old. Mrs. Jackson died on October 3, 1901.

Mr. Jackson's second marriage took place on September 5, 1906, to Mrs. Kate Lindmeier, the widow of John Lindmeier, by whom she was the mother of two children, Catherine, now at home, and J. Frederick, a telegraph operator. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Episcopal church, his wife of the Methodist.

JAMES H. BARNUM.

The record of an honorable, upright life is always read with interest, and it better perpetuates the name and fame of the late James H. Barnum, a popular and influential banker of Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, than does a monument, seen by few and soon crumbling into dust beneath the relentless hand of time, which, through all the ends of the world, has razed the material things of man quite away and flung mockery at their frailty; but principle is eternal and the effect of a good deed is too far-reaching to be estimated, therefore the good done by the gentleman whose name appears above cannot be measured in metes and bounds, for his good deeds among his fellow men in various walks of life were myriad. During his residence here he did as much for the general development of the community as any other man and for many years he was a leader in financial circles and social life.

Mr. Barnum was born December 28, 1827, at New Fairfield, near Danbury, Connecticut, and he passed to his reward on October 5, 1909, at his beautiful modern residence on Second avenue road, Clinton, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was the oldest child of Towner and Ann Barnum, his people on both sides of the house being prominent for many years in the old Nutmeg state. He grew to maturity and was educated in his native community and there he was married to Mary J. Wanzer, and believing that the Middle West held greater opportunities for fortune building, he left his New England home in 1855 and came by rail to Dixon, Illinois, and then by stage to Fulton, reaching there May 5, 1855. Later he decided to cast his lot at Lyons, Clinton county, where he settled in the fall of 1855. Mr. Barnum was a carpenter, at first working for others, and building a house for himself



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during hours when many others were resting; selling it to advantage and building again, and so on, until he soon became a contractor and eventually a man of means, having charge of many extensive and important jobs in various places. For a long time he was an active director in the First National Bank of Lyons, also the Lyons Savings Bank. He led a retired life for many years, content in the association of old friends, severing his last business connections, which were with the banks mentioned above, a few years before his death. He was widely known in business circles, being regarded as a shrewd, far-seeing, aggressive and highly successful business man and financier, of strict integrity and honesty, therefore he had the confidence and good will of all who knew him, according to the statement of a friend who had been associated with him since he came to this county. Continuing, he said, "I knew Mr. Barnum long and well, and ever found him friendly, frank and helpful; upright, exact and reliable." He was a worthy and efficient member of the Lyons Congregational church for a period of fifty-two years and superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty years. He moved to his picturesque Clinton bluff residence in 1876.

Mr. Barnum's first wife passed away in 1883 and in 1887 he was united in marriage with Lovina Doty, of Wallingford, Vermont, a lady of many estimable attributes of head and heart, the representative of a sterling old New England family, long prominent and influential there.

JOHN W. DICKEY.

The Dickey family has long been one of the best known and most influential in Deep Creek township and vicinity, and they have always been found true to every trust reposed in them, fulfilling the various duties of citizenship in a manner becoming of true, loyal Americans.

John W. Dickey was born and reared on the farm he still resides on January 13, 1884. He was educated in the district schools and at Preston high school, and at the agricultural college at Ames, Iowa. He is a son of Laban A. and Ada (Wallace) Dickey, both of Pennsylvania, who were married in Clinton county, Iowa. She was a worthy wife and good mother, and was the daughter of a native of Pennsylvania, of Welsh descent, her father being a cabinetmaker by trade, which he followed through life. He was a plain, honest mechanic, had no aspirations for public office or notoriety of any kind, being well known and highly respected, and died in Pennsylvania. He was a

member of the Presbyterian church, and his children were: Ada, mother of the subject, her mother dying when she was six years old; her father again married and the following were the children by the second marriage: Charles, a physician; Joseph, a druggist; Jennie, married the second time, her last husband being John McCord; after her death he remarried.

The mother of the subject, Ada (Wallace) Dickey, was born in Pennsylvania where she spent the early part of her life and grew to womanhood, later coming to the West, where she formed the acquaintance of John Dickey and they were married, settling here. Her husband, John Dickey, was an early settler and a farmer and stock raiser, and was very successful. He was reared a Methodist, from which faith he never departed. He was Republican in politics and filled the office of township trustee and other minor offices. He was a good man and died on March 1, 1904, and was buried in the old neighborhood cemetery. His wife yet survives and resides at Freeport, Illinois, keeps well and is now visiting her native place in Pennsylvania. She has never remarried and affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church.

John A. Dickey, father of the subject, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and was the oldest of nine children born to his parents. He was reared to farm pursuits and remained on the home place until after the death of his father, when, in 1883, his mother closed out and moved to Ohio, where she remained until 1843, when she again closed out and started west by canal boat to Cleveland, Ohio, and by water to St. Louis, where she and her family spent the winter. They then came by steamboat to Belleville, Illinois, and remained in that vicinity three years. In 1846 they moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and located in the valley in Deep Creek township, where she spent her declining years. She bought a one hundred and sixty acre tract of land, with very poor improvements; it had a small cabin and about twenty-four acres of prairie broken. Here, with her family, the deprivations and hardships of pioneer life began, as the country was sparsely settled, but game was plentiful and wild beasts roamed around at will. One son of the Dickey family did some hunting, though the remainder of the family cared little for it. Many of the pioneers enjoyed the sport of killing deer and other game. One family settled about one mile from her towards Lyons. It was ten miles to the first house, and south of her it was nine miles to the first cabin, and in other directions it was seven and nine miles to a house. To get something to go to mill with was the first thing, and the second was to find a mill to go to; all were at long distances, at Muscoga and Billrinks, Illinois. Later mills were erected nearer, and one on Elk river, in our own township, a water mill, which has been enlarged and which is yet a fine home mill. Soon the immigration came

and the country settled up rapidly with enterprising people. In the early days the struggle was to raise something and the next thing was to find a market for the surplus. Talma and Belleview, Illinois, were the nearest markets for wheat, which brought thirty-five cents per bushel. As for hogs, the settlers had but few each and they would kill and dress the hogs and haul them to Galena, and sell them at three dollars per one hundred pounds. It took three days to make the trip and they had to camp out and wade streams, sometimes with great difficulty and risk of life. Mrs. Dickey, with her large family, was equal to every occasion, was possessed of much moderation, good sense and judgment—much more than the ordinary business woman—and managed all her affairs and her family; her sons followed her advice, but few mistakes were made, and their home was soon self supporting. Years passed and she went to her great reward in September, 1869. Her family all became prominent citizens. She and all the family became widely known and commanded the highest respect among the pioneers and the later citizens of the county and state. Her family consisted of nine children: John A., father of the subject; Martha, Mrs. B. Evans; Sarah, Mrs. McChester; Simmons died single; W. ——— died enroute to California in 1849; Mary J., Mrs. Williams; Robert served through the Civil war, and was a prominent farmer in this township; Julia A., Mrs. Bronson; Birsha is yet single. The mother of the above children was a worthy Methodist, and on coming here meetings were held occasionally at some of the pioneer cabins and later churches were organized. She and other pioneers started the moral and physical development of this county and laid the foundation for good government.

John A. Dickey, father of the subject, remained under the parental roof, assisting his mother rear the family and keep it together and rear them in credit and respectability, during which time he began laying the foundation for himself, and bought choice land and made permanent improvements, married and settled for life. He was a general farmer, and raised stock of all kinds, and bought two complete car-loads and fed out and shipped to the Chicago market. His farm, valley land, was a large tract, two hundred and eighty-seven and one-half acres, all susceptible to cultivation, level and fertile. He kept it in a high state of cultivation and was a practical and successful farmer and stock man. He erected one of the finest farm houses in the county, a large two-story frame, located on a natural elevation, overlooking the farm and surrounding farms, and beautified with forest and fruit trees. He also had large barns and outhouses, and it was one of the best improved farms in the county, located within two miles of Goose Lake, where he continued successful until death came and claimed him.

John W. Dickey, the subject, by will became possessed of his father's farm, one of the best in Clinton county, and he is carrying forward the work inaugurated by his father successfully, giving the farm his entire attention. In politics he is a Republican, but does not aspire to office. In religion he is a Congregationalist. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is prominently identified with farm and stock business, and is one of the coming young farmers of the county. He has up to date ideas and is pushing to the front.

Mr. Dickey was married May 4, 1905, to Mabel Borden, of Allen county, Indiana, where her birth occurred in January, 1885. She is a daughter of Reuben and Pluma (Bolton) Borden, both natives of Indiana, he a son of George Borden, of England; his wife's father, Joseph Bolton, was also from England, all early settlers in Indiana, where they entered land from the government and made good farmers and became prominent citizens of the old Hoosier state. Reuben Borden yet resides at Butler, Indiana. His wife died June 11, 1893. Both he and his wife were Methodists. Politically he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office. He is a plain, honest farmer, well known and highly respected, of sterling integrity and honor. Two children are of this marriage: Mabel, wife of the subject, and Jennie, who died young. Mrs. Dickey's father married again, and to this union three children have been born: John A., born February 28, 1906; Randall S., born May 28, 1907; Ella B., born November 22, 1909.

The subject has invested his surplus in bank stock in the Preston bank, also in Goose Lake bank, and in telephone stock, also in the Preston water and light stock.

PETER FALLESEN.

Weatherford township can boast of no more up-to-date agriculturist than Peter Fallesen, a man who has won success as a tiller of the soil because he has worked long and hard and exercised proper judgment, and his farm in sections 23 and 24, Waterford township, is a delight to the eye, if one likes to see a neat and well improved rural place.

Mr. Fallesen was born in Hardslage, province of Schleswig, Germany, December 2, 1858. There he grew to manhood, attended school and assisted his father in his store. He is the son of Nis and Anna (Brotherson) Fallesen, both natives of Germany, where they grew to maturity and were married. The father was reared on a farm, but was later a merchant until 1876, when

he closed out and brought his family to America and located at Charlotte, Clinton county, Iowa, where he remained four years. He bought a farm in 1880 and located on it, engaged in general farming and stock raising, which he continued the rest of his life, being very successful. He was a Republican, but not in any sense a public man. His death occurred in 1896, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a worthy member of the Lutheran church and was highly respected in his community, in fact, wherever he lived, for he was a good and useful man. His wife died in October, 1893. She, too, was a Lutheran and an excellent woman. Their children were: Svenne, who lives at home with her brother, was born in 1857; Peter, of this review, being the other child. He was in his eighteenth year when he came to this country. He was placed in school here and finished his education, remaining under his parental roof, assisting his father until he married in 1891. He had bought land and began farming. After the death of the father, he moved onto the homestead which he has since managed successfully, carrying on the work inaugurated by his father, devoting much attention to stock raising. He has become one of the leading citizens of this part of the county and is influential in his community. He is a stockholder in the Charlotte Savings Bank, and is known to be a man of excellent business qualifications and a good financier, having been successful in whatever he has engaged. He is a director in the Farmers Insurance Company of this district.

Mr. Fallesen was married in 1891 to Mariah Prahm, who was born in Germany in 1869, the daughter of Ludwig Prahm, a native of Germany, where he yet lives, engaged in the mercantile business. His wife is deceased. In an early day he was an auctioneer and has always been well known in his community, being a man of integrity and well educated. He is a member of the Lutheran church and a man of correct principles. His daughter Mariah came to America unaccompanied, and located in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1889, finding employment in good families. Her brother, Peter, and a sister have come to America since she made the trip. The brother first located in Clinton county, Iowa, later moved to Jackson county, finding employment at Maquoketa as a clerk in a hardware store; he is now clerking for the Jones Hardware Company at Monticello, Iowa. His sister, Anne, married L. Mayland, a farmer of Steele county, Minnesota. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fallesen, namely: Marrius, born in the fall of 1891; Anne, born in 1895; Olga, born in 1899.

Mr. Fallesen was reared in the Lutheran church and he is bringing his children up in the same faith. Politically he is a Republican. He has been school director and has held other minor offices. He was elected to fill a

vacancy as township trustee, and in 1909 he was elected to this office, which he is still filling with the utmost satisfaction. He has taken his turn with other trustees as chairman of the board.

EMIL C. MATTHIESEN.

Among the large number of thrifty and much welcomed Germans who have settled in Clinton county and benefited alike themselves and the community in general the name of Emil C. Matthiesen stands out conspicuously, for he has long been known as one of the leading agriculturists, stock and business men of his township.

Mr. Matthiesen was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, January 1, 1855, and he was reared there and attended school in his native city, and received a good elementary education in his native country and in America. He is the son of Christian and Anna (Ingeversen) Matthiesen, both of the same province. The father learned the blacksmith's trade which he followed and remained there until 1865 when he emigrated with his family to America and landed at New York, coming direct to Lyons, Iowa, where he worked at his trade for six months, then purchased the farm where the subject now lives, buying eighty acres, to which he added until he owned two hundred and forty acres. He had his farm well fenced and furnished with all modern conveniences; he carried on general farming and stock raising, which he continued successfully until the year 1881, when he sold his farm to his son and removed to Lyons, where he spent his retiring years, dying there on May 20, 1902, at the ripe old age of eighty-two. He at first supported the Republican ticket, but on account of local option he left it and became a Democrat. He was a worthy member of the Lutheran church, and was widely known and respected, his integrity and honor being above reproach. In Clinton county he was counted among the solid men financially. His wife died at Lyons May 28, 1884, at the age of fifty-eight years. She was also a Lutheran, the daughter of Peter Ingeversen, of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The father, who remained and died in Germany, was the owner of a large mill in Holstein. He had two brothers in America who entered the war of 1812, but were never heard of after the war. The parents of the subject had five children: Emil C., of this review; William F., a blacksmith by trade, of South Auburn, Nebraska, who is now engaged in the banking and real

estate business; Matthias H. is a blacksmith and lives in Superior, Nebraska; Christ is also an expert horseshoer, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Anna is the wife of Rev. Acenbush.

Emil C. Matthiesen came with his father and family to America in 1865, and he remained under the parental roof assisting his father until twenty-six years old, when, in 1881, he married, then bought the old homestead where he yet remains. It then consisted of two hundred and forty acres, but he has increased this until he now has three hundred acres of valuable land, which is devoted to agriculture and grass. He remodeled the farm and erected substantial, up-to-date buildings. His house is a two-story frame, situated on a natural elevated site, with forest and fruit trees surrounding; he has two large barns with outhouses for machinery and all purposes, and it is among the well improved farms in the township. The land is in a high state of cultivation. He does general farming and is grading up all kinds of stock; his shorthorn cattle are all thoroughbred and he has high grade Percheron horses and Poland China hogs. He has a good herd and raises and buys to fill car loads and feeds for the market from ten to twelve car loads each year. He ships his stock to Chicago. He has given all his attention to his farm and its products and has been successful. In politics he is a stern Democrat and a good campaigner, being one of the party leaders of the county. He has attended the state and county conventions and uses his influence at all times for the grand old Democracy. He has filled all township offices and was for two terms justice of the peace and for thirty years served on the school board, and he is always looking after the good of the schools and the business of the township. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, from which he has never departed.

Mr. Matthiesen married Margaret Seymour, who was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1860, the daughter of Charles Seymour, also a native of the same province and a laborer in the old country. He came to America in the fall of 1865 and located at Clinton county. After a time he bought forty acres of timber land, erected a house and cleared his land and put it in cultivation and later added to his holdings, until he had one hundred and sixty acres where he yet resides, carrying on general farming. He is proud of his adopted country, but he has no aspirations for public notoriety, a plain, quiet, honest farmer. He is a Republican. His wife died in 1890. He is respected in each community in which he has lived. His family consists of seven children, namely: Catherine, Mrs. Barry; Margaret is the wife of the subject; August is a farmer; Dora is at home; Charles died at the age of twenty years.

William is a stock buyer of Elvira, Iowa; Mary, Mrs. Grah, of Walla Walla, Washington; Henry is at home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Matthiesen have been born nine children, all of whom graduated from the district schools and in college, namely: Carl, who is a farmer in Clinton county, Clinton township, is married; William, yet at home; Agnes, wife of William Schemmon, also a farmer in Clinton township; Edward is head bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Lyons; Helena is the wife of John Monson, a farmer of Elk River township; Virts, Christ, Milly and Marvin are all at home.

Mr. Matthiesen is a man of professional ideas and is giving his children every possible advantage for life's battle.

AUGUST SCHEPERS.

This enterprising farmer and stock raiser is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and was born in the township of Brookfield on August 16, 1867. His father, William Schepers, was a native of Germany, and there married Christina Teebe, shortly after which event he emigrated to the United States, arriving at his destination in the year 1860. In 1861 he located at Davenport, Iowa, where he spent the ensuing two years working at his trade of carpentry, and at the expiration of that time moved to Clinton county, Iowa, settling in Brookfield township, where he rented land and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Later he bought a forty-acre farm, which he improved and on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying in the year 1871, his widow surviving him until 1893, when she, too, was called from earthly scenes. Mr. and Mrs. Schepers were an amiable and highly esteemed couple whose influence was always for the right, and whose memory is sacredly cherished not only by the four of their five children, one being deceased, but also by the people among whom they cast their lot. He was a soldier in the German army for a number of years and experienced a great deal of active service during his military career.

August Schepers was reared to agricultural pursuits on the farm in Brookfield township where he first saw the light of day, and during his minority attended the district schools until mastering the branches constituting the course of study. While still young he manifested more than ordinary interest in the cultivation of the soil, and when he began to make

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his own way in life he selected agriculture as the vocation best suited to his taste and inclination. He was a mere lad when his father died, and as soon as his services could be utilized much of the labor and responsibility of the farm fell to him, and right nobly did he discharge the trust. He remained on the home place until 1900, when he purchased eighty acres of his own, which he at once proceeded to improve, and to which he has since added until his farm at the present time contains one hundred twenty acres, the greater part in cultivation and admirably adapted to agriculture and stock raising.

Mr. Schepers, a few years ago, erected a fine modern residence on his place, besides inaugurating and carrying to completion a series of other improvements, making his farm at this time one of the finest and most desirable country homes in Brookfield township and among the best in the county. He has been successful in all the term implies, both farming and stock raising resulting to his financial advantage, and he is now one of the well-to-do men of his locality, with a comfortable competency laid up for the future. In his political allegiance, he is an unswerving Democrat, and as such not only wields an influence for his party in Brookfield township, but has been elected from time to time to various positions of trust, having served for some years as road supervisor and school director. He has always been interested in the progress of his native county and in the development of its resources, and gives his assistance and influence to all laudable means and measures to further these ends.

Mr. Schepers on February 26, 1896, was united in marriage with Clara Rutenbeck, of this county, daughter of Fred and Laura (Linnep) Rutenbeck, who came to this country from Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Schepers have four children, namely: Arthur, Elmer, Glenn and Gladys, all living.

MICHAEL H. HYNES.

A worthy descendant of an honored and influential early family of Clinton county and a progressive and well known citizen of Waterford township is Michael H. Hynes, who was born at Lyons, this county, August 11, 1857, but since he was about ten years old he has resided on the farm. He was educated in the common schools at Lyons and in the country, attending business college, when eighteen years of age, at Clinton. He is the son of Martin and Bridget (Dolan) Hynes, both natives of county Mayo, Ireland, he having been

born in 1825. Each accompanied their families to America in 1847, locating in the state of New York where the elder Hynes worked on public works, Erie railroad work and the navy yard. He married in 1851 and the following year came to Lyons, Iowa, where he conducted a hotel for several years, until 1868, during which time he built several good houses, also conducted a hotel and purchased a farm near Riggs, this county, moving to the same in 1868, remaining there until the death of his wife in October, 1886. He had prospered and added to his land until he owned four hundred and eighty acres in two farms, the family operating both. After his wife died he made his home with his son, Michael H., of this review. He finally divided his lands among his children, the subject receiving two hundred acres, and he still resides on this land. He has added to this until he now has three hundred and twenty acres. The father lived with the subject from 1893 until his death, on May 18, 1898, having been killed in a cyclone which almost utterly destroyed a fine farm, but the subject has since rebuilt all the buildings and added other improvements until his place today ranks with the best in the township. Twenty-five people were killed in that storm which devastated this section of the county, fortunately missing towns and villages. Mr. Hynes had fifty head of cattle and hogs killed, sixteen head of horses and four hundred fowls His loss was ten thousand dollars. The father was a loyal Democrat, but never aspired to public office. He was a very successful business man, having come to this country without means, but by hard work and good management became quite well-to-do. His reputation was that of an honest, sincere earnest man who merited the high esteem in which he was held. His word was as good as the bond of most men. He was a worthy member of the Catholic church, and he sleeps the sleep of the just in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery, by the side of his wife, who also was a splendid character. Six children were born to them, namely: Thomas never married and he makes his home with his brother, Michael H.; Mary is Mrs. Martin Moran; Michael, of this review; Catherine is the wife of T. J O'Mara, of Minnesota; Martin died when five years of age; John F. is farming in this township on the old homestead, he being the only child born on that place.

Michael H. Hynes, of this review, remained under his parental roof during his young manhood days, and he was married on October 18, 1892. He brought his wife to the home where he yet resides. He began shipping fat stock to market in 1880, continuing in this vocation for twelve years, having been very successful. He continued the stock business after his marriage in connection with general farming. For the past twelve years he has been breeding Polled-Angus cattle, and now has a fine herd of registered thorough-

breds of this famous breed, also has a large herd of excellent stock cattle which he is feeding. He is also a breeder of Belgian horses, and owns stock in two imported stallions, which were sired in Belgium. He has also begun raising Poland-China hogs, and his wife has a flock of fifteen hundred Plymouth Rock and Black Minorca chickens, also a fine assortment of ducks, turkeys and geese. Mr. Hynes is making a great success both as a general farmer and a stock man, his fine stock finding a ready market owing to its superior quality. He assisted in the organization of the Charlotte Savings Bank and is a stockholder in the same, and when it was re-capitalized from twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand dollars he was elected a director. The popularity of this solid and conservative institution is shown by the fact that its deposits increase daily, the people having the utmost confidence in the officers and directors

Politically Mr. Hynes is a loyal Democrat and has filled the office of school director a number of years, and he has been treasurer of his township for twelve years. He is chairman of the Democratic committee and has been a candidate to the county conventions for many years, and was appointed a delegate to the last state convention, but was unable to attend. He was elected assessor in 1904 and has served three terms in a very able manner, giving the utmost satisfaction in all positions of public trust that he has held. He is prominent in local political affairs and is well qualified to fill almost any position within the gift of the people.

Mr. Hynes was married at St. Joseph's Catholic church by Father Sassen, on the date mentioned above, to Mary Harty, who was born in this county, August 17, 1862, and is the daughter of William and Mary (Gleason) Harty, both born in county Tipperary, Ireland, the father in 1817 and the mother in 1830. She came to Canada with her parents in 1832 and there grew to womanhood, and in August, 1853, married William Harty in Canada. Soon afterwards they went to San Francisco, California, where they remained three years, then returned to Canada where they stayed a short time, and then came to Lyons, Iowa, and soon bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres adjoining the present homestead in Waterford township where they spent the balance of their days, the father dying April 23, 1890. He carried on general farming successfully, also raised stock. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church, and a man of the very best reputation. His widow survived until March 10, 1902. She was also a member of the Catholic church. The following children were born to them: John, born in October, 1858, remained single and died August 26, 1909; William, born on

the farm May 6, 1860, died September 15, 1910; he, too, had remained single; Mary, wife of the subject; Catherine married Frank Burke, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Hynes: Mary W., born July 22, 1894, is a student in the high school at Lyons; Bridget I., born July 12, 1895, is a student in the high school at Charlotte; Gertrude C., born February 9, 1897, is attending the home district school; Martin J., born October 19, 1898, died March 10, 1899; William T., born November 15, 1899; Michael F., born September 29, 1901; Hillm E., born May 2, 1904.

In 1868 Michael H. Hynes walked with his father from Lyons to the spot that was to be the future home of this influential family. Night overtook them within three miles of the place and they slept in a straw-pile. The rest of the family went to the farm the day before and he and his father drove the live stock. He often refers to the primitive conditions of those days and how he worked to assist in starting a new home in a new land, undergoing the usual hardships and privations, but in due course of time they had a very comfortable home and an excellent farm, and from that day to this the family has been regarded as one of the leaders in this community, or, in fact, this part of the county.

WILLIAM HERKELMAN.

Prominent among the enterprising German-American citizens of eastern Iowa is William Herkelman, of Clinton county, Iowa, whose career is briefly outlined in this sketch. Carle and Sophia (Rutenbeck) Herkelman, the subject's parents, were born in Germany, and were married in Davenport, Iowa, having in the early fifties come to the United States, being among the pioneer settlers of Clinton county, Iowa. Here he lived until 1854 when he joined the tide of emigration to California, making the journey overland by an ox team, to his distant destination, and meeting with many thrilling experiences and not a few dangers on the way. He spent nine years in the far west, during three of which he served in the United States volunteer army, and at the expiration of the time indicated returned to Clinton county and purchased eighty acres of land in Brookfield township, where he settled down to the quiet life of a tiller of the soil. From time to time he added to his holdings, until his realty now amounts to three hundred sixty acres, and since the year 1896 he and his faithful wife and

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helpmate have been living in honorable retirement. Of their family of four children, all but one are living, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth.

William Herkelman was born on the farm in Brookfield, which he now owns, October 13, 1872, and spent his early life among the bracing airs and wholesome influence of rural scenes. In the district schools, which he attended in his youth, he received his preliminary education, and in a business college at Davenport he acquired the training which fitted him for the practical duties of life. On finishing his course in the latter institution, he resumed his labors as an agriculturist, and in 1894 bought one hundred eighty acres of the family homestead, which he still owns. Later (1908) he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the same township, to which he moved his family the following year, and since then he has given his attention to the improvement of the place, which is now under a high state of cultivation, with excellent buildings, all up-to-date and in good repair.

Mr. Herkelman cultivates his land according to scientific principles, and his success has been commensurate with the intelligence and good judgment with which he prosecutes his labors. For some years he has been quite a large breeder of shorthorn cattle, for which there is always a steady demand, and he has also achieved considerable reputation in the matter of fine hogs, devoting special attention to the Duroc-Jersey breed, which he raises in large numbers and sells at fancy prices. During the last three years he has exhibited his cattle at the Clinton and De Witt county fairs, and for the past two years his animals took first prizes over all others. This has added greatly to his reputation as a successful stock man, and during the time indicated, and since, his farm has been visited at intervals by men from various parts of the state, desirous of improving their breeds of hogs and cattle.

Mr. Herkelman votes the Democratic ticket, and keeps well informed on the leading issues of the times. Though strongly grounded in the principles of his party, and fortified by a knowledge of the great questions before the public, he is not narrow in his views nor bitterly partisan, allowing those who differ from him the same right of opinion which he claims for himself.

The domestic chapter in the life of Mr. Herkelman dates from September 26, of the year 1894, when he was united in marriage with Louisa Goos, of Davenport, Iowa, who has borne him seven children, namely: Viola, Eunice, Elwin, Waldo, Velma, Arnold and Leo. The family is one of the

best known in Brookfield township, and no other occupies a larger place in the esteem of the people. By reason of his life-long residence here, Mr. Herkelman's name has become familiar throughout the county, and standing as it does for a high order of manhood and citizenship, his friends are as the number of his acquaintances.

PATRICK CAHILL.

Although Patrick Cahill, farmer of Eden township, Clinton county, has spent practically all of his successful and useful life in America, he is of pure Irish blood and lived in his native island long enough to imbibe the ready wit, the characteristic energy and courage that make him a well liked and progressive citizen. His birth occurred on February 2, 1840, and he emigrated to America in 1849 with his father, brothers and sisters, his mother having died in her native country. His father first located in Pennsylvania and here he married Hannah Quigley, a native of Ireland. The family came to Iowa, locating in Clinton county, near De Witt. In 1868 Patrick Cahill purchased a farm of forty acres in Eden township, near Malone, the same being a portion of his present farm, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres of choice land which is well improved. His wife died on March 18, 1888, and was buried at St. Mary's cemetery, in Washington township, where the father of the subject had previously been buried.

Patrick Cahill has three sisters and one brother living, his sisters being Mrs. Laughey, Mrs. Haskins and Mrs. Brogen, whose husbands are deceased; these sisters all live in Clinton county. The brother, Michael, is not a resident of this county.

Patrick Cahill received his education in the common schools and he has always followed farming and, being a hard worker and good manager, he has succeeded in building up a valuable and very desirable farming property and he has a good, comfortable home and such outbuildings as are necessary to carry on general farming and stock raising. He has been a man of energy and has been rewarded by a large measure of success. He is highly respected by all who know him, for his life has been that of an upright citizen.

Politically, Mr. Cahill is a Democrat, and he is a very faithful member of the Catholic church, as was also his wife. Six children were born to them, all of whom are living, namely: Sarah, born February 24, 1860, is the wife

of Henry Laentjes, of Clinton county; Mary, born August 25, 1863, is the wife of M. Hanrahan, of this county; Mariah, born December 12, 1866, is the wife of Thomas Hanrahan and lives in Clinton county; Thomas Cahill lives in South Dakota; Patrick Cahill and Elizabeth Cahill have remained with their father on the home farm.

CHARLES SCHOENTHALER.

Among the substantial German-American citizens whose lives and influence add stability to the body politic, and whose efforts have done much to promote the material progress of their respective communities, the well known gentleman of whom the biographer writes in this connection occupies a deservedly conspicuous place. John Schoenthaler, father of the subject, was born and reared in Germany, and married there, in his young manhood, Louisa Kiser, whose birth occurred near the place where he first saw the light of day. In 1864 they came to the United States and remained in New York about one year, removing at the expiration of that period to Maquoketa, Iowa, where Mr. Schoenthaler worked for some time at the butcher's trade, which he learned in his native country and also operated a meat market. They lived in that town until the husband's death, a number of years later, after which his widow came to Clinton county, where she spent the remainder of her days, departing this life in the year 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenthaler were an honest, industrious, God-fearing couple, greatly esteemed by all with whom they came into contact, and many of their sterling virtues are reproduced in their children, all of whom are living.

Charles Schoenthaler was born in New York City on Christmas day, December 25, 1864, the same year his parents came to this country, and when an infant he was taken to Maquoketa, Iowa, at which place and Elwood he spent his childhood and youth and received his educational training. Arriving at an age when it became necessary to leave home and make his own way in the world, he engaged in railroading for a few years, and later turned his hands to any kind of honest labor he could find to do. He worked for some time on a farm near Elwood, but in 1895 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres a short distance east of that town, which he has since brought to an excellent state of cultivation and otherwise improved.

Mr. Schoenthaler erected all the buildings on his place except the residence, which he has remodeled and improved, adding greatly to its appearance

and comfort and making it one of the neat and attractive homes of the locality. He has given his attention very closely to his agricultural and live stock interests, and is today one of the successful and well-to-do farmers of his township, as well as one of its most enterprising and praiseworthy citizens. By industry, energy and good management, he has so conducted his labors and business affairs as to accumulate a handsome competence, being in comfortable circumstances, with a sufficient surplus at his command to render unnecessary any misgivings concerning the future. Public spirited and deeply interested in the growing of the country and the development of its resources, he has contributed much to the material advancement of his part of the county, and as a good citizen he encourages all enterprises having for their object the social and moral good of the community. His political views are in harmony with the principles and traditions of the Democratic party, though he has never posed as a partisan or office seeker; on leading questions and issues of the day he keeps well informed, also in touch with the trend of current thought on other matters of public import. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, including the Rebekah degree, the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of the Home Guard.

In the year 1888 Mr. Schoenthaler entered into the marriage relation with Otilia Rutenbeck, whose parents, Fred and Laura (Limpaugh) Rutenbeck came from Germany many years ago and located at Davenport, Iowa, subsequently removing to Clinton county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The pledges of Mr. and Mrs. Schoenthaler's union are five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John E., April 24, 1889; Laura L., April 9, 1893; Arnold C., July 15, 1896; Everett L., May 26, 1900; and Arla L., who was born December 18, 1903.

JULIUS ADRIAN.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch has received distinctive prestige as a farmer and stock raiser, and as a citizen, interested in all that concerns the welfare of the community in which he resides, he occupies a deservedly conspicuous place among his contempararies. The Adrian family had its origin in Germany, and was first represented in the United States by August Adrian, the subject's father, who came to this country in an early day, and was among the pioneers of the part of Illinois

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in which he settled. After living a number of years in that state he came to Clinton county, Iowa, and bought a forty-acre farm in Brookfield township, to which he subsequently added until his real estate amounted to two hundred forty acres. In his native country he learned coopering, but after coming to America he discontinued the trade, to give his entire attention to agriculture. He married, in St. Louis, Catherine Brademan, who bore him five children, all living, and who is now spending the closing years of a long and useful life in Brookfield township, near where the family originally located. Mr. Adrian was a good man, an excellent citizen, and his death, which occurred in 1885, was greatly deplored by the people of his own and other localities.

Julius Adrian was born February 14, 1863, grew to maturity on the home farm, and received a common school education. His liking for agriculture led him to choose it for his life work, accordingly, while a young man, he began farming upon his own responsibility, and has continued the same with gratifying success to the present day. Without following his career in detail, suffice it to state that in due time he succeeded to a part of the family homestead, later purchased the place entire, and in addition thereto bought other land adjoining, until his farm now contains four hundred acres, the greater part under cultivation and highly improved. The farm lies in one of the finest agricultural districts of Clinton county, the soil being deep and fertile and the entire place admirably adapted for mixed farming and stock raising. As a farmer, Mr. Adrian has few equals and no superiors in his part of the country, and he has been equally successful in the handling of live stock, his horses, cattle and hogs being of the best breeds, and representing a large amount of capital. Industry, thrift and economy have been among the leading factors of his career, while his judgment has ever been sound, and his character and integrity above reproach. In all of his relations with his fellow men, he has been governed by a strict sense of justice, and, with a pardonable pride in the rectitude of his intentions, he has aimed to keep his name above adverse criticism and the honor of his family unsullied. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, but not a partisan, and he has never entertained any ambition in the way of seeking office or aspiring to public distinction. He has always attended to his own affairs and, while advancing his various interests, has not been unmindful of the interest and welfare of his neighbors and fellow citizens, or the good of the community.

Mr. Adrian was happily married on May 26, 1885, to Albertena Roden, a native of Clinton county, the pledges of which union are eight children,

whose names are as follows: Lena, Matilda, August, Otto, Ralph, Alice, Clarence and Lawrence.

Mrs. Adrian is the daughter of Ernst A. and Carolina (Otto) Roden, who came to this county in an early day from Hanover, Germany. They first settled in Scott county, Iowa, and later moved to Clinton, where they prospered. Mr. Roden died in 1901, his widow surviving and living on the old homestead.

JAMES W. ANDERSON.

Among Clinton county's well known residents is James W. Anderson, of Brookfield township, who was born on the farm which he now owns and lives, April 14, 1862. His ancestors on both sides of the family were Virginians and among the highly esteemed people of that historic commonwealth. James and Mary (Blaine) Anderson, the paternal grandparents of the subject, lived and died in Virginia, but their son, George H., the father of James W., came west when a young man and located in Clinton county, Iowa, where he subsequently married Mary E. Dunlap, whose parents, John Wallace and Agnes (Philips) Dunlap, moved to this state some time in the fifties, and settled in the county of Clinton, where they spent the remainder of their days. George H. Anderson was by occupation a farmer. He also became quite a large land owner and for a number of years was actively identified with the material progress of Brookfield township, also with the public interests of the same, having been elected from time to time to various local offices, in all of which he demonstrated ability of a high order and a conscientious regard for the public welfare. After a useful life, largely devoted to the good of his fellow men, he was called to his eternal reward on the 3rd day of July, 1900, his wife departing this life on January 27, 1894. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are living and highly esteemed in the several places where they reside.

The early education of James W. Anderson was obtained in the common schools of his native township, which he attended during the winter months from his tenth year until a youth in his teens. Reared a farmer, he took kindly to the cultivation of the soil, and from young manhood until his marriage he managed the homestead of his father. On March 22, 1899, he chose a wife and helpmate, in the person of Johanna Jepson, of Clinton county, and immediately thereafter rented the home place, which he con-

tinued to cultivate until his father's death, when he bought three hundred acres of the farm, on which he has since lived and prospered. In the year 1906 he erected the imposing modern dwelling which the family now occupy, and by a number of other improvements in keeping therewith has made one of the most beautiful and attractive homes in the township, and among the best in the county, everything on the premises bearing witness to the good taste and progressive spirit of the proprietor. In connection with agricultural pursuits, Mr. Anderson is engaged quite extensively in the live stock business, from which source the greater part of his income derived. He breeds Percheron horses for the local and general market, and in the raising of fine Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs he has few equals and no superiors in Clinton county. Financially he has been successful beyond the average in his vocation and is now the possessor of an ample competence for himself and family. Socially he is kind, affable and obliging, and as a result he enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of personal friends, besides taking an active part in public affairs and wielding a strong influence in behalf of whatever he deems for the best interests of his fellow citizens. In politics, he gives his support to the Democratic party. Since attaining his majority, he has kept in close touch with the leading questions and issues before the people, and his judgment and counsel have had much weight in shaping the policies of his party in the county of Clinton. He has held nearly every local position within the gift of the people, and during the past six years has discharged the duties of township clerk in an able and satisfactory manner, being the present incumbent of that office. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs, and, though not identified with any religious body, is a regular attendant and liberal supporter of the local Methodist Episcopal church with which his wife holds membership. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson's beautiful home has been rendered additionally attractive by the presence of their two children, Verda E. and Wilma B., both interesting and intelligent and reflecting no little credit upon their fond parents.

WALSH BROTHERS.

Perhaps there is not another instance in this country of six brothers associated together as partners in the practice of law, except in the case of the Walsh brothers, who maintain offices at Clinton and at Chicago, and all of

whom, by the manifestation of ability in their profession and by diligent work, are responsible in part for the success of the firm.

Their father, A. Walsh, was engaged in farming for a number of years near Low Moor, Iowa, moving to that place from Davenport, Iowa. He was a man who fully realized the advantages which education gives in preparation for life, and so moved to Clinton in 1867 in order to better educate his family. All of his sons are graduates of the Clinton high school, and after completing the course in that institution entered the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, and there laid the foundations of that success which has made these institutions since proud to claim them as their sons.

Edmund C. Walsh, senior member of the firm, was born in Davenport, on October 13, 1859, during his early youth was taken by his parents to the farm, and in 1867 to Clinton, where, in 1879, he completed the high school course, and, entering the State University, graduated in 1881. Deciding to make the practice of law his life work, he early became associated with the Hon. A. P. Cotton, one of the most able lawyers of Clinton and of the state, and later distinguished as a member of the San Francisco bar. When Mr. Cotton removed to California, Mr. Walsh naturally became his successor in a large practice, for which he was well prepared, and for several years he conducted the largest legal business of any attorney in Clinton. Mr. Walsh has been not only a broad and thorough student of the law, going back to the groundwork of the common law of England and the civil law of Rome as a basis for his legal superstructure, believing that a lawyer should be able to give a convincing reason for the law of the case as he claims it, and not only to cite the decisions of the courts, and because of his acting upon this belief gaining his cases over attorneys of less knowledge; but he is also a man of a comprehensive general education, well informed along all the lines of modern endeavor. As his brothers prepared for the law, he took them, one by one, into the firm, which is well known in all parts of the state, and has carried on important litigation in the United States district and circuit courts and the courts of appeals, as well as in the district and supreme courts of the state.

Edmund C. Walsh has been by no means a lawyer alone. He is a financier and a business man, having wide and important interests. When still a young man he established a match factory in Clinton, and originated some valuable improvements in the manufacture of matches, which he had patented, and which so demonstrated their practicability that after his plant had been in operation for a year, the Diamond Match Company bought out the plant and patents at a handsome profit to their owner. The same year he

secured the franchise for supplying the city of Clinton with electric light, which he sold to the General Electric Light Company, and which later became the property of the Clinton Gas Company. In 1891 he organized the State Electric Light Company for the purpose of building and equipping an electric railway in Clinton. There was then a horse railway running between Clinton and Lyons, which strongly resisted the entrance of the new company, but which, when it saw the determination of the new company, sold out to it. About this time Clinton entered on an era of intense activity in building, which Mr Walsh was enabled to foresee, and purchasing large tracts of land near the city, realized handsome profits on his investments. He continued to take much interest in electricity as a field for practical business operations, and transferring his attention to the city of Burlington, organized the Burlington Electric Light Company and secured the contract for lighting the city. He then organized the Burlington Gas Company, and purchased the stock of the Burlington Street Railway Company, organized the Burlington Improvement Company and the Burlington Steam Heating Company, all of which were later consolidated into the Burlington Railway and Light Company, with a capital of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The various plants were rebuilt and newly equipped, and are now in operation under the management of C. H. Walsh.

In the winter of 1895-6 Walsh Brothers turned their attention to Davenport, and secured from the council a franchise for gas, electric lights and steam-heating plants, together with a city contract for twenty-five years. Later the old gas and electric plants were purchased, and a large amount of money was expended in refitting and equipping the various establishments. The Davenport branch of the interests of Walsh Brothers is under the management of J. W. Walsh.

The firm is also interested in the Pioneer Paving Brick Company, of Galesburg, Illinois, which they organized, in the American Mining Company, of which E. C. Walsh is president, the Clinton Woodenware & Match Company, the Clinton Land Company, the Woodland Land Company, the Eyer Land Company, the Commercial Land Company, the Pleasant Valley Land Company, the State Electric Company, J. P. Calnan Construction Company, besides the Burlington Railway & Light Company, and the Davenport Consolidated Gas & Steam Heating Company, their total capital in these different concerns amounting to three and a half million dollars.

The Walsh Brothers have been so closely associated in professional and business life that the history of one is almost the history of the other, although each has his own part to perform in the management of their interests.

Mark A. Walsh, the second member of the firm, was born in Clinton county, March 31, 1867, and completed the law course of the State University of Iowa in 1889, in which year he was admitted to practice before the United States courts. Later he was admitted to the Illinois courts, and has given his time mostly to corporation law, in which he is well informed and an authority.

James W. Walsh was born in Clinton on December 17, 1868, completed the high school course in 1887, and graduated from the law course of the State University in 1889.

Charles H. Walsh, who was born on March 4, 1871, graduated from high school in 1890, attended the State University and was later admitted to the bar.

Alfred E. Walsh, born on January 24, 1874, finished high school in 1892, graduated in law in 1896, and in 1899 was admitted to the Illinois bar.

Eugene J. Walsh was born on April 17, 1878, graduated from high school in 1896, and in law in 1900.

The business of the firm is constantly increasing in volume and importance. They represent the local interests of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company; the Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern Railway Company; the Postal Telegraph Company; the American Express and the Western Union Telegraph Company, and many large commercial corporations in Iowa and Chicago. Law offices are maintained both in Clinton and Chicago, and their legal work now consists mostly of practice in corporation law and in the supreme and federal courts.

Keen lawyers and strong business men, the Walsh brothers are men of a force to be reckoned with in either line. All have traveled extensively at home and abroad, and are entertaining writers and speakers and welcome additions to any social gathering, though they devote their time rather to business and their profession than to society. They are members of many prominent clubs and fraternities, among which they have their full share of friends. Their firm is in more than one way unique, and is, in business as well as in law, one of the strongest and most successful partnerships in the Middle West.

HENRY KNUTZAN.

Among the young farmers of Hampshire township, Clinton county, who are rapidly coming to the front as general agriculturists, while yet in what might be called the first epoch of their career, is Henry Knutzan, who was born

in this township on June 10, 1880. He is the son of Claus and Anna Dorothea (Jensen) Knutzan, the father born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on December 8, 1843, and the mother's birth occurred in the Fatherland in 1843. The maternal grandparents of the subject were Hans and Katrina Knutzan, natives of the province of Schleswig-Holstein. The grandmother died when Claus Knutzan, her son and father of the subject, was a small boy. Hans Knutzan was a laborer in Germany, and in 1874 he emigrated to America and sought the great West, locating in the state of Nebraska, then being settled up by ranchmen and there he worked as a farm hand until his death.

Claus Knutzan, father of Henry, was one of a family of eight children, namely: Hans, George, Henry, Peter, Anna, Christina, Mary and Claus (father of Henry).

Claus Knutzan attended school in Germany and as a boy and young man he was compelled to work hard as a day laborer for a livelihood. In 1868, thinking that prospects to get ahead were better in America, he emigrated to our shores, and took up his abode in Clinton county, Iowa. For a few years he worked by the day and the month in Hampshire and Clinton townships, and he spent six months in Scott county. He finally purchased forty acres in Hampshire township, which he later sold and bought one hundred acres, his present farm, where he still lives and where he has established a very comfortable home and ranks among the best farmers of the community. He has always been a very hard working man and he has a good home and a very productive farm as a result of his efforts

On April 15, 1876, he was married to Anna D. Jensen, and two children have been born to them, Henry, of this review, and Mrs. Emma Roennfeldt

Henry Knutzan was educated in the home schools and assisted his father with the work on the place and he has devoted his attention to farming. He is a young man of steady habits and has remained unmarried. He lives at home with his aged parents and takes a delight in caring for them. He conducts his father's farm in a very able manner and has active management of all his father's affairs.

DENNIS C. MANNING.

The Manning family has long been regarded as influential and successful farmers in the eastern part of Clinton county and their reputation for upright citizenship has always been the best, consequently they should be repre-

sented in this history. One worthy of specific mention is Dennis C. Manning, who was born in Hampshire township, this county, on May 21, 1871, and he is the son of Thomas and Bridget (Farrell) Manning, both born in Ireland, the father in county Galway. He grew to maturity there, but emigrated to America when a young man and settled in Clinton county, Iowa, and he hired out here as a general farm laborer for some time until he could get a start. He was accompanied to this country by his father, Dennis Manning, and they soon afterwards bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they later sold, and then bought more land from time to time until Thomas Manning, the father, became the owner of a very valuable farm consisting of two hundred and eighty acres. He made a great success as a general farmer and had an excellent home. He and his family were Catholics and loyal to the mother church His family consisted of the following children: Mrs. Mary McGrug, Mrs. Anna Murphy, Mrs. Katie Jepson, Thomas, Jr., John, Martin, James and Dennis C., of this review, who is the oldest of the number.

The father of these children passed to his rest in September, 1900. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

Dennis C. Manning, the subject, attended the public schools of Hampshire township. He grew up on the home farm and began working on the same when a small boy, and he remained there until his father's death. In 1903 he moved to his present home in Hampshire township, the farm he now owns consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. He has placed good improvements on the same and has a pleasant home in every respect. He belongs to the Catholic church and the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Manning was married on January 20, 1903, to Mary Logan, who was born in Ireland; she was two years of age when her parents brought her to America, she being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Logan. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Manning: Margaret, Gladys, Bernardino, and Robert, the last named being deceased. Mr. Manning is a genial, good natured and painstaking farmer, who is popular among his neighbors as a result of his pleasing characteristics.

JOHN H. CRESSEY.

The subject of this sketch, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Brookfield township, is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and was born near where he now lives, on April 13, 1864, being a son of John and

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Hannah (Mason) Cressey, who are noticed elsewhere in this work. In the district schools of his neighborhood, young Cressey obtained a knowledge of the common branches, and as soon as old enough he bore his part in the cultivating of the farm, where he learned the lessons of industry and self-reliance, such as educational institutions do not impart. He grew up strong, rugged and well fitted for the responsibilities which he encountered, and when a young man he left home to engage in railroading. Accepting a position with the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul railroad, he spent one year with that company and then resigned, convinced that the farm afforded better opportunities for a livelihood and a much more agreeable way of earning the same.

On severing his connection with the road, Mr. Cressey purchased eighty acres of land in Brookfield township, which he has since improved with good buildings, fences, etc., and, by well directed industry and judicious management, he is now in comfortable circumstances and with a sufficiency of this world's goods in his possession to insure a bright and promising future. Though primarily a farmer, and as such ranking with the most enterprising and successful of his neighbors, he is also interested in live stock, breeding quite a number of cattle and hogs, which he markets every year at good prices. In all of his undertakings he has manifested sound judgment and wise forethought, and, being a good manager, his efforts have resulted greatly to his financial advantage. Like all good citizens, he is not only interested in his own affairs, but takes an active part in the improvement of the country and the development of its resources, to which ends he gives his influence to all laudable enterprises and neglects no opportunity of benefiting his fellow men. A prominent Republican in his political faith and well grounded in his convictions, he is not a politician or seeker after the honors and emoluments of office, being content with his lot as a prosperous farmer and satisfied with the simple, though proud, American title of citizen.

Mr. Cressey is a man of sound, practical intelligence, and is capable of discharging the duties of important trusts. He served two years in the responsible office of township trustee and six years as school director, in both of which offices he demonstrated signal ability and regard for the interests of the people, that gained for him honorable repute as a faithful and painstaking public servant. In his fraternal relations he is an Odd Fellow, and has been honored at various times with important positions in the lodge with which he holds membership, his wife being an active worker in the Rebekah degree of the order, to which degree he also belongs.

Mr. Cressey was happily married on October 12, 1886, to Clara A. Adrian, who was born in Brookfield township, Clinton county, a union blessed with five children, whose names are as follows: Julius, Harry, Lee, Louis and Lawrence, all except the oldest living and at home. August Adrian, the father of Mrs. Cressey, died on January 5, 1884, and was buried at Lost Nation, Iowa. His widow is still surviving and living on the old homestead, which her son, Julius Adrian, runs.

LEE CHAPMAN.

An example of the young man succeeding at his chosen life work with no one to assist him is found in Lee Chapman, a foreman of the Northwestern round house at Clinton, Iowa. He has always been used to hard work and, knowing that it took persistence and close application to succeed in any line, he started out to verify these principles, with the result that he is now one of the most trusted employes of the great railroad mentioned above, and, judging from his past excellent record, it is safe to predict that the future holds much in store for him in the way of positions of greater trust and responsibility. He comes of a good family and he was born in Clinton on June 17, 1879. He is the son of John and Lucinda (Farber) Chapman. These parents were born in the state of Virginia and they came west in an early day, locating at DeWitt, Clinton county, Iowa, but later moved to the city of Clinton. The elder Chapman was in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company at the stock yards and later in the yards as switchman, and altogether he has been in the employ of this road for about thirty years and has made an envied record all along the line. He has taken much interest in local political affairs and has been deputy sheriff and bailiff of the courts in Clinton for some time. He and his wife are the parents of two sons and two daughters, all living. The mother is still living.

Lee Chapman was educated in the public schools of Clinton, where he studied hard and received a very good education, spending one year in high school. He took to railroading and served his time as an apprentice, learning the machinist's trade in the round house of the Northwestern shops in this city, and in 1905 he was made foreman, a position which he still holds, having given entire satisfaction in this responsible position all the while, for he is a very careful workman and is very faithful in the discharge of

his duty. In all, he has been in the employ of the Northwestern road fourteen years, having served time as an apprentice and machinist. In politics he is a Democrat, but he is not an aspirant for office, though he is interested in the general good of his city and county and always supports all worthy measures.

Mr. Chapman was married on March 2, 1904, to Ada R. Smith, of Davenport, Iowa, and this union has resulted in the birth of one son, Walter Lee, now five years old.

JOHN DIXON.

There are, perhaps, not so many representatives of the Emerald Isle in Clinton county as of other countries of northern Europe, but it is safe to say that in point of progressive citizenship they are not surpassed by any other people. We find that they are owners, most of them, of good homes and well-kept farms and they are loyal in their support of local and state affairs, appreciating to the fullest extent, apparently, our free institutions and the efforts of this government to protect its citizens and make life worth the living under the stars and stripes.

One such is John Dixon, who was born in county Down, Ireland, the son of James and Ann (Dixon) Dixon, both born in Ireland and reared there. They emigrated to America and located in Philadelphia, where the mother died. The father came west and settled in DeWitt, Iowa, and there spent the rest of his days, dying in 1865.

John Dixon was educated in the common schools. As early as 1847 he came to America and lived until his parents came to America. He worked on a farm several years and in 1865 he bought eighty acres in Lincoln township, Clinton county, Iowa. He removed the old log houses he found on the place and put up good buildings and carried on general farming in a very successful manner. He brought his place up to a high standard and laid by a competence for his declining years. He has been living retired for some time at his pleasant home, which he built, and surrounded with the evidences of his former years of thrift. As a general farmer he has always ranked with the best in the township. In politics he is a Democrat and while he has never taken an especial interest in political matters or public life, he is interested in local affairs and he has been road boss for several years.

Mr. Dixon was married to Katherine Sullivan, a native of London, England. This wedding occurred when the subject lived in Philadelphia, and to this union eight children were born.

IRA STOCKWELL.

In examining the life record of the late Ira Stockwell, a prominent and influential citizen of Clinton county, it will be found that he was the possessor of attributes that rendered him popular with all classes of citizens, and it is safe to say that no man in recent years left a more indelible imprint of his sterling personality upon those with whom he was associated here, for in disposition he was kindly, genial and generous, in addition to possessing the other qualities which wrought for him the prosperity and prominence which he enjoyed. His example was one well worthy of emulation by the younger generation; but none of his fellow citizens regarded him in an envious manner, for he justly earned the affluence that was his portion, and, while advancing his own interests, he never neglected his duties to the general public and this locality has been inestimably benefited by his influence and his example.

Mr. Stockwell was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, February 3, 1823. He was the son of Ira Stockwell, a farmer, who came to Clinton county, Iowa, with his family in 1839, and was soon regarded as one of the leading pioneers of his community, being a man of energy, industry and sterling character. The family settled near the hamlet of Almont, when the country was new and they were compelled to undergo many of the privations incident to the lives of first settlers in an undeveloped country. The son, Ira, thus grew to maturity amid primitive rural scenes and he assisted his father in developing the home farm, receiving such education as was possible in those early days, and here he formed habits of persistent application and fortitude that were of much benefit to him in his subsequent life. He finally farmed on land which is now a part of the city of Clinton. Mr. Stockwell was a highly successful lumberman, having been the owner of two large mills, known as the "upper" and "lower" mills, in Lyons.

With the coming of the railroad he sold his farm to the railroad company, after which he moved to Lyons and established the beautiful and neatly kept home where his widow still resides, and here he lived until called to his reward on April 4, 1897, after a long, useful and honorable

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career, during which he did much for the upbuilding of his city and county and won a host of loyal friends.

Mr. Stockwell married Sarah Peck, a lady of many fine personal characteristics, the daughter of Dr. George Peck, a prominent physician here in pioneer times. His death occurred at the age of fifty-two years. Two sons and one daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell, only one of whom is now living, Mrs. A. D. Clark, who resides in Texas; she is the mother of three children, two daughters and one son.

Mr. Stockwell was prominent in financial circles and was a business man of rare foresight and discretion. He was at one time director and stockholder in the old Bank of Lyons. A man of great energy, broad charity, public-spirited and high mindedness, he easily made friends, won the confidence of all with whom he had dealings by his straightforward, honest policy. Politically, he was a stanch Republican, and he never lost an opportunity to support and further any measure looking to the general welfare of Clinton and Lyons and the locality in which he took a great pride and where he was long an honored citizen.

JOSEPH I. DULEY.

The well known president of the Clinton Sand & Gravel Company, Joseph I. Duley, is recognized as one of the honored and influential citizens of Clinton county and stands high in the esteem of the people of this locality as a true type of the intelligent, broad-minded, progressive men of affairs. In the largest and most liberal sense his life has been successful and fraught with good to his fellow men, and no doubt the future awaits him with still more abundant rewards.

Mr. Duley was born in Illinois, on December 15, 1859, and he is the son of John and Mary (Shettler) Duley, the father born in France and the latter in Burlington, Canada. The father was a ship carpenter by trade and when fourteen years old he emigrated to Canada, and he worked in the ship yards of James Shettler, the maternal grandfather of Joseph I. Duley. James Shettler was a large ship builder on the banks of the great lakes and he was finally drowned on Lake Ontario. The subject's father was killed in the government ship yards in San Francisco, when a government vessel, then in progress of building, fell and killed six men. Joseph I. Duley was still a boy at the time of his father's death. He has two brothers, John and Charles, and

one sister, Mrs. Susie Woods, wife of Bert Woods, living at Albany, Illinois.

Joseph I. Duley received a limited education in the public schools of Illinois and while yet a small boy he hired out on a farm and remained there three years. In 1876, when seventeen years of age, he started life on the Mississippi river as a roustabout on a raft boat. During these early years he learned the river well and put his knowledge to good use later. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties and did not shrink at hard work. Being a keen observer, he made mental note of everything that could be of subsequent service to him. He early manifested his power in handling men so as to get the best results, possessing, it seemed, by nature the dominant hand of the ship master. His early runs on the river were between Stillwater, Minnesota, and Hannibal, Missouri. In 1883 he was employed by C. Lamb & Sons, of Clinton, Iowa, as second pilot of their fleet of boats, and useless to say that he filled this important position to the entire satisfaction of his employers. In 1884 he was made master of the steamer "Lafayette Lamb," and he held this position during the years 1884, 1885 and 1886. He was master of the steamer "Chancy Lamb" during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889. He was master of the steamer "Lady Grace" during the years 1890, 1891 and 1892. He then retired from active piloting and had charge of the Lamb fleet until they closed up their lumber mills. He is still employed by C. Lamb & Sons to look after their interests on the Mississippi river, and his long years of service with this noted firm is certainly evidence of his ability, trustworthiness and fidelity to duty. In 1902 Mr. Duley became a partner in one of the largest and best livery barns in Clinton under the firm name of Hughes & Duley. In 1903 he became president and active manager of the Clinton Sand & Gravel Company. The other officers are L. Lamb, vice-president, and E. A. Shultz, secretary and treasurer.

This company pumps sand and gravel from the Mississippi river and loads it on cars for foreign trade, and they supply the greater part of the local need for those necessities Quite an extensive business is carried on under the active management of Mr. Duley.

Taking much interest in Masonic affairs, Mr. Duley is a member of the DeMolay Consistory and also of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On December 4, 1881, Mr. Duley was married to Bertha E. Whistler, who was born at Albany, Illinois. She is the daughter of James and Minerva Whistler, a well known family there. This union has resulted in the birth of two children, namely: Mrs. Vivian Cullom, wife of Leslie Cullom, and Mrs. Bernice Whitson, wife of Frank Whitson.

J. C. WULF.

Welton is among the smaller towns of Clinton county, but is a center of much business in proportion to its population and is the home of several enterprising business men. Prominent among these is Mr. Wulf, who had a large and increasing trade in lumber, building materials and coal, and finds in the town an excellent field for a man of ability and push. He is one of the progressive citizens of the town and is interested in whatever promises to aid in its advancement.

J. C. Wulf was born in Germany in 1852, the son of George and Anna Margaret (Prussing) Wulf, both natives of Germany, who came to America the year that the Franco-Prussian war broke out and settled in Berlin township, Clinton county, Iowa, on their arrival. George Wulf continued to farm here until 1893, when he moved to Grand Mound, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in the fall of 1909. His widow still lives in Grand Mound. They were the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom are living. Both were active members of the German Lutheran church, and Mr. Wulf was a stanch Democrat. He was a man of strong character, upright and honorable, an admirable citizen.

J. C. Wulf received his education in Germany and came to America in 1868 with one of his sisters. For about a year he was engaged in Sabula, Iowa, as a laborer, then removed to Berlin township, Clinton county. Here he worked on a farm for awhile, then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he resided for some years. In 1897 he bought out the lumber, coal and building material business of Charles Schneider & Son, at Welton, and removed to the town, where he has since operated the business very profitably.

In 1884 Mr. Wulf was married to Margaret Peters, a native of Germany, who came to this county with her parents and lived with them in Berlin township. To this union have been born six children, William, now the butcher at Welton, Alvira, Amanda, Agnes, Dora and George. The Wulf family are members of the Lutheran church.

J. C. Wulf is a Democrat and has been prominent in local political activities. For four years he was assessor of Berlin township, for one year tax collector, and for eight years secretary of the township school board, proving efficient in all these positions. When Welton was incorporated Mr. Wulf was elected mayor, and still holds that position. Not only is he an energetic and progressive business man, but he is also very genial and affable and has made many friends.

HERMAN F. HORSTMANN.

Among the highly respected citizens of Liberty township, Clinton county, is Herman F. Horstmann, who is the owner of valuable farming interests, and who, like the other members of this thrifty family, is deserving of special mention in this history, for his life has been one of honest endeavor and has not been selfishly lived, as those who know him best will readily attest, for he has ever stood ready to do his full duty as a citizen and neighbor, delighting to trust people and having them trust him, but at the same time being alert and proving himself to be a man of affairs in all that the term implies.

Mr. Horstmann was born in Cedar county, Iowa, February 20, 1871, and he is the son of Frederick Horstmann and wife, who are given proper mention in another part of this work. Suffice it to say here that they, amid difficulties, succeeded in establishing an excellent home here and winning a reputation for uprightness and who took infinite pains in rearing their children in a proper manner.

Herman F. Horstmann, of this sketch, grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place as soon as he was old enough, and he attended the local public schools during the winter months. Deciding to take up farming for his life work, he has ever bent his energies in this direction with the result that he has succeeded admirably well, and is now the owner of a well improved and highly productive farm of two hundred acres where he lives and fifty acres in Cedar county, Iowa. He is a general farmer and raises high grade stock which he prepares for the market, stock-raising forming no small part of his operations, and owing to the excellent quality of his stock he finds a very ready market for all he offers for sale. He has a neat and comfortable dwelling and such outbuildings as his needs require. He keeps improving his place from time to time, believing in keeping everything in first class order.

Politically Mr. Horstmann is a Democrat, as have been all his family, and like most of them, too, he has been more or less active in party affairs. He has very ably filled the office of constable for several years, and he has been school director for four years.

Mr. Horstmann was married on March 23, 1898, to Emma Bielenberg, a native of Germany and the daughter of J. H. and Dora Bielenberg, also natives of Germany, from which country they came to Davenport, Iowa, in an early day. Mrs. Bielenberg's death occurred in 1902, and the

father is now a resident of Davenport. He has been very successful since coming to the United States and has won a reputation for fair dealing among his fellow men.

Three children have blessed the union of Mr. Horstmann and wife, named as follows: Henrietta Minnie, Dorothy Augusta and William Herman.

Like his honored father before him and the rest of the Horstmann family, Herman F. has always borne a reputation that is unassailable and he is therefore a man of influence in his community and is well thought of by all who know him.

W. M. HILBERT.

Among the farmers of Welton township no one has been more successful in getting an adequate return from his labor and in producing large yields from the soil than he whose name heads this review, a man who may be taken in every way as representative of the best and most intelligent class of farmers of Clinton county, whose efforts have brought to that county fame as a farming paradise.

W. M. Hilbert was born in Welton township, Clinton county, Iowa, on January 31, 1875, the son of Hans and Lena (Priest) Hilbert, who were both natives of Germany and came to Iowa when single. Hans Hilbert came to this country with his parents, Henry and Abel (Ewald) Hilbert, in 1854. His mother died in Davenport in 1854 and his father died April 1, 1891. Hans married in Clinton county, and eight children were born to him and his wife, of whom five are living. Soon after reaching the county he took up farming, in which he was very successful, and at present owns three hundred twenty acres of the best of Clinton county's land and three hundred twenty acres in Tama county, Iowa. In politics Hans Hilbert has always been a strong Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church. At present he and his wife are living at Denman, Crawford county, Iowa, where they enjoy the respect and esteem of their neighbors.

W. M. Hilbert grew to manhood on the farm which he now owns, spending his winters in obtaining knowledge at the district school. Farming seemed promising to him, so he continued in his father's footsteps and now owns one hundred sixty acres of land, and manages three hundred twenty more. His farming is general in character and he is an extensive

stock feeder. Mr. Hilbert is a Democrat in politics, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

On February 21, 1901, Mr. Hilbert was united in marriage to Rose Holst, a native of Scott county, Iowa, the daughter of George and Margaret (Claussen) Holst, who were early settlers of Scott county and who are now living at Holstein, Iowa. To this union two children have been born, Huldah and Malinda, very sweet and interesting little girls.

For a young man, Mr. Hilbert has abundantly demonstrated that farming is a paying profession, his success being marked. He possesses many friends in Welton township, and is popular among those who know him.

AUGUST HINRICH.

Whether there is just cause for it or not, a great many people in America are of the opinion that German workmen in the fine arts are superior to our own in a large number of lines, such as goldsmiths, silversmiths, etc. The familiar line on numerous articles found in our shops, "Made in Germany," has much to do in promoting a ready sale; so when our jeweler tells us that he received his training or served a thorough apprenticeship in Germany we have no hesitancy in reposing our confidence in him. One such is August Hinrich, one of the best known jewelers of Clinton, Iowa, who was born in Holstein, Germany, May 22, 1859. He is the son of Carl Peter and Anna Marie (Jacobs) Hinrich, the father born in Holstein, Germany, in 1833 and the mother born on May 14, 1831, and is still living. The father of the subject was a violinist and very skillful on this instrument, and he had an orchestra composed of members of his family and played at many important events, always to the delight of his audience. He gave lessons on the violin. He was also a painter of no mean ability and did both oil and crayon work. He loved music most of all, and he had the honor of playing before the King of Denmark. He was a brave and gallant soldier in the old country in the war of 1848 and 1851.

August Hinrich was the second child in a family of ten children, named in order of birth as follows: John Jacob, August, Carl Gustav, Peter Frederick, Adolph Luther, Emil, William, Theodore, Fred W. and Albrect.

August Hinrich was educated in Holstein, Germany, and after leaving school he learned the watchmaker's trade. When a mere lad he began playing in his father's orchestra and, in fact, became very proficient on the violin, and he performed before the Emperor of Germany. He is still a great lover of music. After his father's death the family did not continue as the Hinrich Orchestra. In 1882 August came to America and, after remaining in Chicago two weeks, came to Rock Island, Illinois, and worked there two months, then crossed the river to Davenport, Iowa, in which city he remained until he came to Clinton in 1884. Here he began work in E. H. Howe's jewelry store, which was soon known as Howe Brothers' store. In 1890 he started a jewelry store of his own in a modest way, having but one show-case, one wall-case and one window. In 1895 he moved to his present location at No. 220 South Second street, and now he has a large and well equipped store and enjoys an extensive and ever growing trade—in fact, he has been very successful and he has a wide patronage. In his neatly arranged store is to be found an up-to-date and carefully selected stock of goods, and first class repairing is done.

Mr. Hinrich was married on February 14, 1893, to Hannah Caroline Schroeder, who was born January 10, 1860, in Germany. She is the daughter of Frederick D. Schroeder, a retired farmer living at Lyons, who came to Clinton county about 1865. One child, Ruby, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinrich, whose birth occurred November 6, 1896. Mr. Hinrich is a quiet, unassuming man, honest and highly respected.

DANIEL C. GALLOWAY.

This prominent farmer and representative citizen, also a life long resident of Clinton county, Iowa, was born on June 16, 1861, being one of six children whose parents were Hiram J. and Antonia Galloway, natives of Ohio and Germany respectively. The parents of Hiram Galloway died when he was about four years old, from which time until his youth in his teens he lived with a Mr. Brown who looked after his interests and afforded him the means of a common school education. When a young man he came to Iowa with his sister, and a year or two later married Antonia Heirschey and settled on a farm of eighty acres in Clinton county which he bought for five dollars per acre. Subsequently he added to this

land until he finally became one of the largest owners of real estate in his section of the country. He was a man of great industry and energy, a careful buyer and a very successful farmer. He died in Pottawatomie county about the year 1880, being suffocated with the damps while repairing a well. Mrs. Galloway's parents and grandparents left Germany when she was quite young and came direct to Clinton county, Iowa, where her grandfather entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He was quite prominent in the early affairs of Berlin township where he located his land, became a successful farmer and his death removed from that part of the county one of its most intelligent and public spirited citizens. Wenzel Heirschey and wife, parents of Mrs. Galloway, settled in Berlin township in the early fifties and were among the well known and highly esteemed families of the community in which they lived. Both died a number of years ago and left to their descendants the memory of an honored family name which the latter prize as a sacred heritage.

Daniel C. Galloway was reared a farmer and, after a preliminary training in the common schools of Berlin township, took a high school course at Maquoketa, where he earned an honorable record as an industrious student. He assisted in the cultivation of the home place until arriving at an age to begin life for himself, when he took charge of part of the farm and from that time to the present day has devoted his attention with marked success to agricultural pursuits. From a comparatively modest beginning his advancement has been rapid and continuous and some idea of his standing as a farmer may be obtained from the fact of his being today the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in the townships of Berlin and Brookfield, the greater part in a high state of cultivation and improved with modern buildings, fences, etc., everything on the farm indicating the progressive spirit of the enterprising proprietor. In common with the majority of representative farmers in this part of Iowa, Mr. Galloway feeds nearly all of his grain and depends upon high grade live stock as his surest source of revenue. In the raising of cattle and hogs of the better breeds he has been quite fortunate and today he ranks among the financially solid men of his township and county, being in independent circumstances and well situated to enjoy the many material blessings with which he has surrounded himself.

Mr. Galloway's domestic life began in 1895, when he was happily married to Mary Keith, of Clinton county, daughter of Joseph and Mary Keith,

of Ohio, the ceremony being solemnized on April 17th, of that year. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, the first in order of birth dying in infancy. Mr. Galloway is largely a self made man and as such enjoys a commendable reputation among his fellow citizens of Clinton county. His standing as an enterprising agriculturist is second to that of none of his contemporaries and his career as an honorable citizen has been achieved without the sacrifice of a single principle. His life has been consistent with the high character he has borne and he is fully deserving the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow men.